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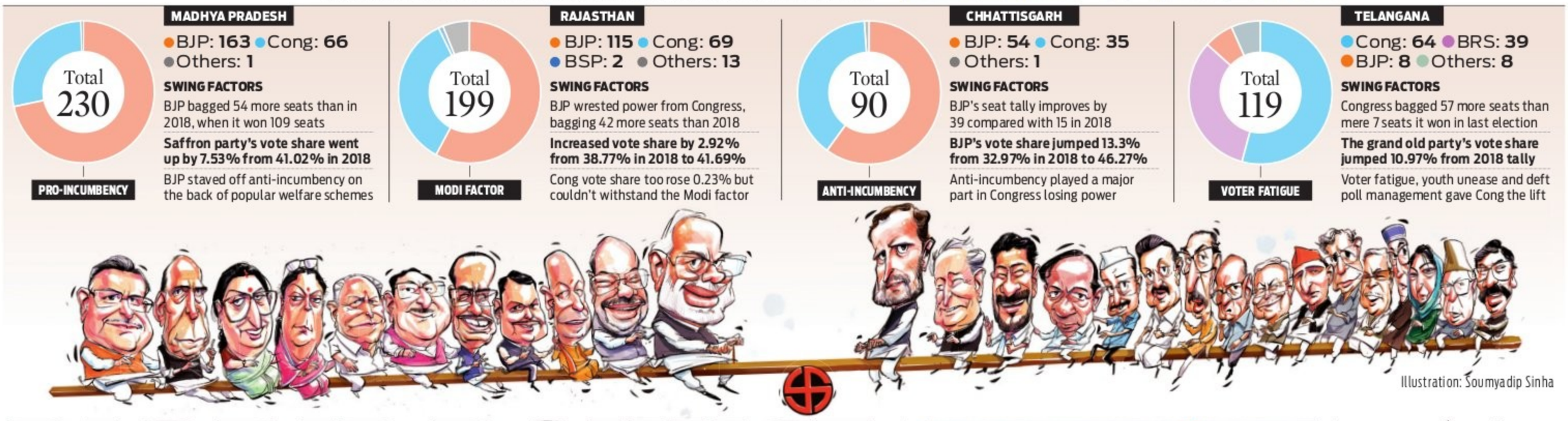
Total 230
PRO-INCUMBENCY
MADHYA PRADESH
BJP: 163 Cong: 66
Others: 1
SWING FACTORS
BJP bagged 54 more seats than in 2018, when it won 109 seats
Saffron party's vote share went up by 7.53% from 41.02% in 2018
BJP staved off anti-incumbency on the back of popular welfare schemes
Total 199
MODI FACTOR
RAJASTHAN
BJP: 115 Cong: 69
BSP: 2 Others: 13
SWING FACTORS
BJP wrested power from Congress, bagging 42 more seats than 2018
Increased vote share by 2.92% from 38.77% in 2018 to 41.69%
Cong vote share too rose 0.23% but couldn't withstand the Modi factor
Total 90
ANTI-INCUMBENCY
CHHATTISGARH
BJP: 54 Cong: 35
Others: 1
SWING FACTORS
BJP's seat tally improves by 39 compared with 15 in 2018
BJP's vote share jumped 13.3% from 32.97% in 2018 to 46.27%
Anti-incumbency played a major part in Congress losing power
Total 119
VOTER FATIGUE
TELANGANA
Cong: 64 BRS: 39
BJP: 8 Others: 8
SWING FACTORS
Congress bagged 57 more seats than mere 7 seats it won in last election
The grand old party's vote share jumped 10.97% from 2018 tally
Voter fatigue, youth unease and deft poll management gave Cong the lift

Illustration: Soumyadip Sinha

BIG BJP BOUNCE
CONG GETS CONSOLATION PRIZE

● SAFFRON PARTY RETAINS MP, WRESTS CHHATTISGARH, RAJASTHAN ● CONGRESS TROUNCES BRS IN TELANGANA ● MODI SAYS HAT-TRICK A WARNING TO THE CORRUPT

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
@ New Delhi

IN what was billed as the semi-final to the 2024 bout, the BJP scored a resounding victory in three out of four states where votes were counted on Sunday. That they were big Hindi heartland states added to the quality of the triumph.

Beating anti-incumbency, the party retained power in Madhya Pradesh for the fifth consecutive time while wresting power in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh. In all three states, the BJP was locked in a straight fight with the Congress, giving it the lift ahead of the Lok Sabha battle.

Telangana was the outlier as it gave the Congress a thumping mandate, refusing to accord the Bharat Rashtra Samithi a third consecutive shot at power. The Congress was widely expected to retain Chhattisgarh but it inexplicably faltered.

In Madhya Pradesh, the BJP managed to hold on to power.

BJP workers celebrate the party's performance, in Jabalpur on Sunday | PTI

Its welfare schemes like the CM's Ladli Behna Yojana for women empowerment was a big draw. Yet, the party didn't project Shivraj Singh Chouhan as its face, seeking votes in the name of Prime Minister Narendra Modi instead. Modi, too, sought votes for himself in all four states, a strategy to overcome voter fatigue.

Of course, the BJP electoral machine's booth management skills, astute ticket distribution and the over confidence of the Congress swung the popular mood in its favour in Madhya Pradesh.

The Opposition's guarantees like reviving the old pension scheme, caste census and other freebies couldn't score over Modi's guarantee of ushering in a Vikshit Bharat (developed India) in all the three states. Announcing the extension of the free ration scheme to 80 crore poor people for five years after the model code of conduct had kicked in, the annual ₹6,000 dole to farmers and the passage of the women's reservation bill in Parliament drew women to polling booths in droves.

The BJP won two-thirds majority in MP and comfortable simple majorities in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh (see chart). Raids by Central law enforcement agencies against Opposition leaders, accusing them of corruption, smeared their image and acted as a force multiplier for the BJP in Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan.

But Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot has only himself to blame for his nasty power struggle with Sachin Pilot. In any case, voters in the state prefer alternating power between the Congress and the BJP in the bipolar contest.

Terming the BJP's hat-trick in the state elections as a guarantee for the party's hat-trick in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, Modi said the results convey a warning to corrupt parties. "The results show popular support for our battle against corruption," he said.

ELECTIONS 2023 DECIDE

Telangana Congress chief A Revanth Reddy waves the party flag amid a huge crowd of supporters in Hyderabad on Sunday | SRI LOGANATHAN VELMURUGA

Race begins for CM posts, Chauhan may get fifth term

EXPRESS NEW SERVICE
@ New Delhi

AFTER the BJP's resounding victory in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh and the maiden victory of the Congress in Telangana, the search for chief ministers has begun. The decision on who will lead the governments will be taken by their respective central leaderships.

Sources said four-time CM of Madhya Pradesh, Shivraj Singh Chauhan, may get a fifth term. His Ladli Behna scheme, under which over one crore women were given ₹1,250 per month, was the game-changer. Besides, the BJP leadership would not like to rock the boat in Madhya Pradesh five months before the all-important Lok Sabha elections.

In Rajasthan, former CM Vasundhara Raje is considered a strong candidate though she is not the central leadership's favourite. Sources said the BJP leadership accepted that the sidelining of B S Yediyurappa was one of the key reasons for its defeat in Karnataka. It, therefore, brought Raje to the forefront after ignoring her for years.

Union ministers Arjun Meghwal and Gajendra Shekhawat are also in the race. But the party may choose Raje for the sake of stability.

The real challenge for the BJP is in Chhattisgarh. It got an overwhelming support of tribals and a fair share of votes of the OBCs. Though former CM Raman Singh led the party to victory, there is talk of a fresh face as the next CM from the tribal or OBC block. Among the front runners are Union minister Renuka Singh, former Union minister Vishnu Deo Sai and former state minister Ramvichar Netam.

Sources in the BJP said the party will definitely have one woman CM.

As for Telangana, the Congress has decided to name its state unit president Revanth Reddy as the next CM, sources said.

Three-piece suite and a glass quarter full | P8
Cong ignored coalition dharma, says INDIA bloc | P9
Rivaj of changing raj makes Gehlot flounder | P10

There is only one person in the hearts of the people, that is Modi. Today's results proved that the days of appeasement and caste politics are over. New India votes on politics of performance

Amit Shah, Union home minister

I am very thankful to the people of Telangana — we will definitely fulfil the promise of making 'Prajalu Telangana'

Rahul Gandhi, Congress leader

It is a people's mandate. We need not (do) a postmortem. The simple point is that they wanted change

Revanth Reddy, Telangana Congress leader

Not saddened over the result, but surely disappointed. We will take this in our stride as a learning and will bounce back

KT Rama Rao, BRS working president

BJP clean sweep in tribal belt gives it surprise mandate in Chhattisgarh

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THE BJP's convincing victory in Chhattisgarh trouncing the incumbent Congress has also dealt a blow to political pundits who predicted a close fight in the state while giving the grand old party a slight edge. The saffron party was trailing in the early hours but as counting progressed, it gained lead in all the five divisions of the state and maintained it throughout.

The Congress's loss was amplified after nine ministers out of the 13-member Bhupesh Baghel cabinet lost. Even Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, during the early rounds of counting, was trailing. Finally, he defeated BJP MP and his nephew Vijay Baghel at Patan. Deputy CM T S Singhdeo also lost.

The two tribal-dominated divisions of Surguja and Bastar, which together have 26 assembly seats, swung to the BJP heavily this time around. They contributed in a big way to the Congress landslide in 2018.

Former BJP CM Raman Singh

A senior BJP leader told this newspaper that the party's focus was on 3Ls (lead, leaders, Lotus) and consistently harped on 3Ms (Maoists, Mahadev App, Mahtari [women]) targeting the Congress government.

"Ahead of the polls, BJP chalked out a 90-day programme — first 30 days were like a cricket Test match, next 30 a one-day match and the last was aggressively pursued like a 20-20 match. Corruption and scam were major issues against the Congress," the BJP leader added.

However, many factors came together to weaken the Congress's chances including corruption charges. During the campaign, Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the charges against the Congress regime, terming the CMO a 'hub of corruption' and that Baghel was not fit to be in office even for a day. The welfare programmes of the Congress mostly aimed at the rural sector apparently got eclipsed by the bouquet of promises announced in the BJP's manifesto.

CONG TAPPED INTO PUBLIC DISCONTENT WITH KCR IN T'GANA

KALYAN THOLETI @ Hyderabad

THE victory of the Congress in the state brings one thought to mind. It has risen like a phoenix from the ashes. Even late last year, there was a sense of disbelief in Hyderabad when anyone suggested a Congress resurrection. Such was the aura BRS supremo and outgoing chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao had created around himself, ruling with an iron fist. But one had only to step outside Hyderabad to see the reality.

It was evident that many sections were fed up. One word that sums it up is disconnect between the people and KCR with the latter isolating himself in his ivory tower. Farmers who had no crop insurance being denied compensation after unseasonal rains, large-scale failure in delivering 2BHK housing for the poor, nepotism, corruption, perceived discrimination in implementing Dalit Bandhu, irregularities in TSPSC and Dharani portal, and above all, the attitude of BRS MLAs and the chief minister himself led to this disenchantment.

People saw in them arrogance typically associated with rulers. This in turn made them feel as victims — the exact sentiment that had crystallised into the Telangana movement years earlier. The Congress found a way to tap into this discontent. The party lost bypolls under Revanth Reddy but the latter was able to voice public opinion strongly and keep the Congress as the default opposition — notwithstanding efforts of the BJP to supplant it. Having done that, he was also able to earn the complete confidence of the Congress high command.

It's not a one-man job though. Strategist Sunil Kanugolu's surveys, choice of candidates, ruthlessly brushing aside oldies, the party high command's success in keeping dissenting leaders on a leash, and finally, an effective poll campaign culminated in the victory.

Untold story behind the state's great stats

The government of K Chandrashekar Rao had always cited stats, showing the state in the top bracket in all indices. But its unemployment rate is higher than the national average at 4.4% and inflation is at 6.4%. Agriculture growth too is about 3.4%. So, beneath the great stats of Telangana's development is an untold story of sweat and tears, though poverty has declined

EXPRESS READ

K'taka SSLC and II PUC exam schedule out

BENGALURU: Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board officially released the timetable for the SSLC and II PUC (Pre-University Course) Annual Examination-1 for the year 2023-24 . The Secondary PUC Exam-1, which will be held for 21 days, is scheduled from March 2 to March 22, 2024. Similarly, SSLC exams will begin on March 25, 2024, and conclude on April 6, 2024. P2

TN, Andhra brace for cyclone Michaung

CHENNAI:The Tamil Nadu government on Sunday said all arrangements are in place to handle the situation as cyclonic storm Michaung is likely to intensify and reach north Tamil Nadu coast on Monday before its landfall on Tuesday in south Andhra Pradesh. AP CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy directed collectors of respective districts to take all possible steps to safeguard lives and properties. P5

Session starts today; Relief to DKS, guarantees to be discussed

Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti and Assembly Speaker UT Khader in the Council Hall in Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi on Sunday | EXPRESS

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @ Belagavi

THE 10-day winter session of the legislature which gets under way at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi on Monday is expected to witness interesting debates on a series of issues and controversies.

Powered by its win in three states, the opposition BJP is likely to attack the Siddaramaiah government over its guarantee schemes and the recent withdrawal of consent given to the CBI by the state government to probe Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar's disproportionate assets case.

The government, to run the session smoothly, has tried to minimise protests that various organisations had planned in front of Suvarna Vidhana Soudha. "Officials have taken initiatives to resolve problems of various organisations to stop them from protesting near the Soudha," said Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti.

At least seven to eight important Bills are expected to be tabled in the session, besides discussions on several important topics, he added. Assembly Speaker UT Khader said the government has made elaborate arrangements to hold the session effectively. P5

ALMANAC TODAY
Monday: 04/12/2023 • Year: Shobhakruta • Ayana: Dakshinayana • Ritu: Sharad • Masa: Karthika • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Saptami 8.10 pm • Nakshatra: Makha 11.41 pm • Moon in kanya Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am • Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 23°C
FORECAST
Showers late. Overcast.

Sunrise 6.27 am
Sunset 5.51 pm
Moonrise 11.56 pm
Moonset 12.01 am

UGC to institutions: Set up selfie point with PM's image

Modi's cutout on pre-approved design irks all; Students' issues remain unaddressed; Experts not pleased with 'politicisation of education'

PURAN CHOUDHARY @Bengaluru

THE University Grants Commission (UGC) has whipped up a controversy by issuing a directive on its website on December that universities and colleges across the country should set up 'selfie points' at strategic locations on their campuses to raise awareness among youngsters about India's achievements in various fields. But educationists, students and experts are not pleased with 'politicisation of education.'

"Let us celebrate and disseminate the incredible strides made by our country by establishing a 'Selfie Point' within your institution. The aim of 'Selfie Point' is to create awareness among the youth about India's achievements in various fields, particularly the new initiatives under the NEP 2020," read the official letter. The presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's cutout on the pre-approved design is what has angered all.

Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar said, "I heard about this through the media. I am yet to see the directives and based on that we will decide. This is, however, not the right thing to do and not all directives by UGC need to be followed. Our universities cannot be politicised like this. Since we have not accepted NEP-2020 and will have our own SEP, why will we propagate the achievements of the policy?"

The themes for selfie points include a broad spectrum of national initiatives such as Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat and major thrust areas of NEP -2020, read the letter. Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) may place the selfie points only as per the approved designs at a strategic place within the campus, it added.

UGC also directed the universities "to encourage students and visitors to capture and share these special moments on social media platforms, fostering a sense of collective pride".

Student organisations questioned the necessity of these selfie points when so many student issues are going unaddressed. A student from the University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE) said, "This initiative is not favourable to students. So many government colleges and schools don't have basic facilities and we are promoting selfie points." Another BSc student from MES College in Bengaluru said, "Why are they trying to promote a political figure in college. If our college puts up these points we will not use them."

Experts said such political advertisements have existed for a long time. Not just PM Modi, all ministers are politicising education, they added. "Unfortunately, such political propaganda is done by all political parties in India. As far as the UGC directive is concerned, it should be only the UGC emblem and the universities," said Ganesh Bhatt, educationist.

The Supreme Court should pass a strict rule that if it's for public good, it should not be popularised as the contribution of an individual or a party.

Only air no cusion on this flight

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

TWICE in a week, IndiGo airlines has been at the receiving end of the passengers' ire, as passengers highlighted the issue of missing cushions from the physical frame of seats in their flights.

On Saturday, founder of Mensa Brands Ananth Narayanan posted on X: "2 hours late and no seats @IndiGo flight 5047! Service really seems to be deteriorating." A video post showed two seats without any cushion, which went viral in no time. The flight was on its way to Bengaluru from Mumbai. IndiGo apologised for the inconvenience and replied: "We believe one of our crew members is in touch with you. We have tried calling you at the registered number however couldn't connect.." The earlier tweet appears to have been deleted on Sunday, but screenshots of the original tweet are available online.

Only a week ago, another flyer Subrat Patnaik highlighted a similar issue on an IndiGo flight to Pune from Nagpur, where the cushion was missing but the backrest was in place for the seat allotted to his wife Sagarika. He spoke of his wife standing is the aisle, until Indigo staff offered a cushion for her seat, which was an inconvenience to the others.

Comedian Kapil Sharma, on Nov 29, slammed the airlines for making the public wait in the bus for 50 mins at Chennai airport, saying the pilot was stuck in traffic and called this behaviour 'shameless'. On the same day, director Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri, slammed Indigo for delay in take-off, and indifference towards the passengers, by not communicating the delay.

CM to review extending Metro till Nelamangala

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah said the state government will review the proposal to extend the Metro service till Nelamangala.

Speaking after inaugurating a community hall and prayer hall developed by Sri Beereshwara Swamy Temple Development Committee at Nelamangala on Sunday, he said that there is a demand to extend the Metro service till Nelamangala and the government will review the same. Siddaramaiah also said the government will execute the Yettinahole project in the next three years to address the drinking water woes in Nelamangala and other areas of Bengaluru Rural district.

He assured that the drainage system and in Nelamangala will be improved.

EXPRESS READ

New AC bus from Attibele to Hoskote

Bengaluru: The BMTC has launched a new AC Volvo bus route from Attibele with Hoskote - V-328H. Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy flagged off the service on Sunday, and assured to build bus stands at Attibele and Sarjapura. The bus takes 57 trips and the fare is fixed at Rs 60 which includes a ₹5 toll fee.

Keep writing, get feedback, Tharoor's advice to writers

Shashi Tharoor shares stage with sister Smita Tharoor, at the 'The Tharoors Confabulate' session in the Bangalore Literature Festival on Sunday. EXPRESS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

"I have never believed that writing can be taught. I believe writing should be instinctive and natural in the way you think and talk. Writing expresses inner most thoughts with me and my imaginations," was Congress MP Shashi Tharoor's advice for aspiring writers.

He was sharing his views at the session titled 'The Tharoors Confabulate' at the Bangalore Literature Festival, where the MP took part with his sister Smita Tharoor, on Sunday.

"My advice to people is to write or learn to write by 'writing'. Keep writing and keep doing it. Don't wait for a publisher. Do a blog and put it up on the internet, send links to your friends and wait for their judgement and seek their honest review and feedback," Tharoor said, and added, "When I was a kid growing up in India, I was published in every single English magazine in the country. They were read by parents, family, friends, their friends and peers and I got their feedback from them in real time. I got to know what worked with people what they were particularly delighted with and what they didn't. That sharpened my craft and I kept writing." One story of mine was published in a Bombay newspaper and there it picked up, Tharoor said.

He added that if the work is good enough to be read, there will be some publisher somewhere who will see the merit of the work, despite undergoing several rejections, and will publish it.

'India must play an active role in foreign affairs'

ENS @ Bengaluru

"THE US is at the lowest level today in terms of a role player in the world and regional affairs. No country in the Global South supports the US, either in Ukraine or concerning Palestine. India is not a role player in the scenario and its concerns are primarily domestic; in terms of re-arranging the idea of India on the basis of certain ideological content and framework," said Talmiz Ahmad, former Indian ambassador to Saudi Arabia. He was speaking at a session titled - 'Fields of Fire: Conflicts Around the World'.

"Most countries of West Asia are now adopting strategic autonomy and building up very substantial ties with other countries that are major players in world affairs - China and Russia," he said and added "China is likely to emerge as the most significant player in terms of regional and world affairs. It was able to bring together Saudi Arabia and Iran. We are looking at an emerging world order which will be quite different," he said, and added he wished India plays an active role in foreign affairs rather than re-ordering the domestic scenario.

INCOMPLETE HANDOVER

RERA certification of residential projects misleading, allege buyers

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

HUNDREDS of residential projects in the state, listed as 'completed' on the RERA-K portal, have not been completed fully, charge members of Karnataka Home Buyers Forum. The forum recently wrote to RERA Chairman HC Kishore Chandra to rectify errors in the status as it misleads thousands of home buyers.

Forum's General Secretary Dhanajanya Padmanabachar told The New Indian Express, "Under Section 17 of the RERA Act, promoters of any project need to transfer the title of the project to the association formed by the allottees.

Majority of the promoters are not complying with this rule. If the title is not transferred, the project is deemed incomplete. While individual apartments are transferred to buyers, the common land needs to compulsorily be transferred in the name of the association."

The letter urged the chairman and general secretary to ensure that the officials validate compliance with Section 17 of RERA Act, said Padmanabhachar. The following documents need to be submitted by the builder to the Authority as proof of completion - certification of registration of association of allottees registered under a competent authority; Conveyance Deed executed by the promoters in the name of the association of allottees to transfer the title; Encumbrance Certificate of the project land reflecting the name of the allottee association and the Land Khata extract of project land indicating the name of the association.

"Until the project is handed over to the association, the promoter needs to bear the cost of maintenance, insurance for the project and any land cost in case of any changes. The association ends up managing all these expenses by collecting money from the home owners, while the ownership continues to remain with the builder," he pointed out.

The letter urged the chairman to issue a circular to all promoters who have registered under RERA to handover these documents to it before it could be accorded the 'completed' status.

SSLC, II PU EXAM SCHEDULE OUT, FIRST ATTEMPT COMPULSORY FOR ALL

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

After scrapping the old exam system on September 5 and introducing three board exams in the state to help students improve their performance and score better for higher studies, the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) has officially released the timetable for the SSLC and II PUC Annual Examination-1 for the academic year 2023-24.

The timetable was published on the KSEAB website. The Secondary PUC Exam-1, which will be held for 21 days, is scheduled from March 2 to March 22, 2024. SSLC exams will begin on March 25, 2024, and conclude on April 6, 2024. Both exams will begin with the first language. Differently-abled students under different categories such as deaf and dumb, learning disability, blind and mentally challenged will receive an additional hour for three-hour question papers and 40 minutes for two-hour papers.

KSEAB has also extended a 15-day window, from December 1, 2023 to December 15, 2023, for students, parents and the public to submit their objections to the tentative schedule of the Annual Examination-1. To ensure consideration, hard copies of objections should be sent to the Chairman at Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board, 6th Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560003, within the stipulated time. The tentative timetables will also be put up on school and college notice boards and should be circulated among students.

Students will have to compulsorily attempt SSLC and II PUC Examination-1 to have the option to sit for the second and third attempts to improve their scores.

While many had welcomed the government's move to ease student's pressure from board exams, several critics had highlighted that the new rules were 'unnecessary' and did not support the students' growth in any way, instead, their curriculum should be developed so that they learn more.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

04TH December : Cancer, that intuitive and artistic sign, is particularly active at the moment. It follows that our actions over the next few weeks will tend to be guided by our feelings and creative passions rather than the facts. That's great for people who don't worry about 'real life', not so good for people who do!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The Sun, symbol of life, sends plenty of surprises. There's one simple forecast: expect the unexpected. If I were you, I'd get out my day-to-day survival kit and work through the next week with my head down. Partners will be in a forthright mood and deft footwork will be necessary if you are to come through unscathed!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Family pressures are certainly stirring things up, but just for now I imagine that significant developments are bubbling away below the surface. Get on and keep up to date with routine chores, otherwise you may lose control. Actually, there's no time like the present for taking on fresh responsibilities.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
A few quick quips at someone else's expense may be your idea of fun, but I'm not sure if that's the best way to exploit Mars' sharp and uncompromising power. A little generosity would suit you well. After all, you have nothing to fear. You'd do best to take a cool, practical approach, by the way.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You've pushed your own interests in the past - and there's nothing wrong with that. Now you must go out in a very wholehearted way to impress family members and anyone else you live with. Formulate your plans today and be prepared to implement them within about forty-eight hours.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
A great deal of your legendary charm relies on the location of that graceful sign, Libra, in your solar chart. According to your current patterns and alignments, your sales pitch is about to reach an all-time peak. Now is the time to persuade reluctant partners.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You are in a really good state to take a leap into the unknown. I know it's not in your nature to throw caution to the wind, but do try! You have no idea what will happen unless you open yourself to the new and untried. One word of advice, though: before you take a gamble, you have to work out the consequences!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
It's always difficult to leave the past behind but, for various reasons, you probably feel prepared to bid farewell to one close association. I suspect this is because somebody has given you such a rough ride, that you'll be happy to see the back of them! It's time to stick to your guns.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Hope springs eternal, and with so many planets presenting a mysterious face, that is precisely what you need. Or, perhaps, I should say that you could use a few good ideas. With the right moves you may also give hope to others, and there is no better way to use your current planetary energy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Socially you should be on a winning streak or, at least, you will be if you stop worrying about things like money and how much life is costing. The chances for a dreamy, soft-focus encounter really are splendid. But passions are also rising and colleagues could be argumentative.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You are back to thinking that nobody loves you, but this is very far from the case. Let's look at the positive faces of your solar chart, starting with the fact that worldly ambitions are about to take a quantum leap forward. But first you have to complete a number of fundamental arrangements.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Although your own intentions may be above reproach, don't criticise others whose standards seem to slip. Remember the old teaching about throwing stones. Never be the first to throw one unless you are absolutely blameless. In other words, don't criticise others when you are equally responsible.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Entrepreneurial and self-employed types are on an upwave. All of you are likely to benefit from windfalls. I'm not saying you'll be showered with gold from heaven, but you must end the week with future prosperity in your sights. Take no financial risks at all.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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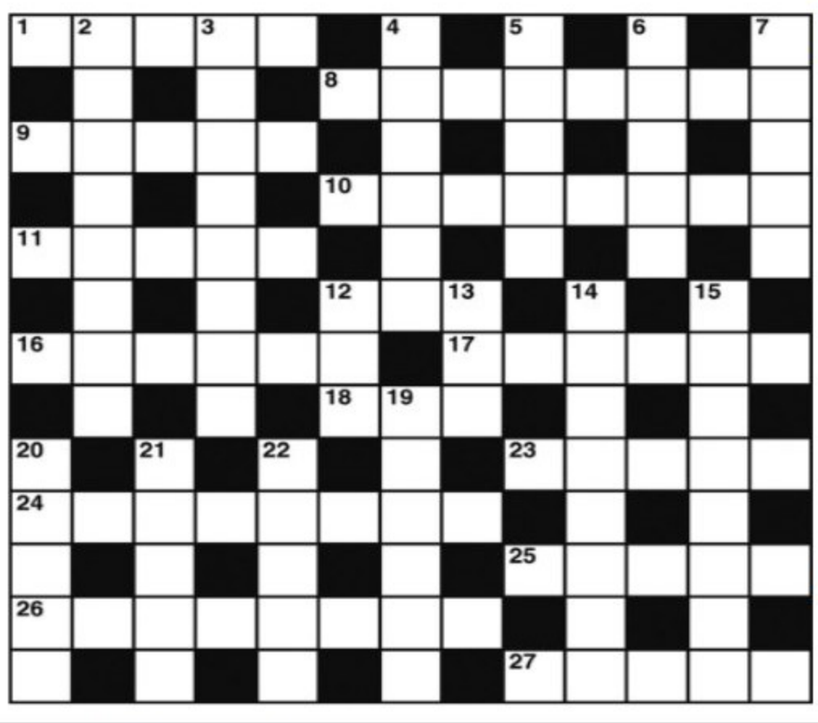
6	2	4	1	8	5	9	7	3
3	8	9	7	6	4	1	2	5

SUDOKU HARD

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Weapon that is a two-edged knife (5)
8 Get rid of electrical current for gas (8)
9 Even turned back it's the same (5)
10 Old Italian centaurs running amok (8)
11 Rita's indisposed but out of bed (5)
12 To love is just as well (3)
16 Father meets a girl - a Spanish dish (6)
17 Club for the motorist (6)
18 A shade too revolutionary for some (3)
23 Remains top in points (5)
24 The best player is a defender (8)
25 Those disposed to show spirit (5)
26 Order a final course (5,3)
27 A buzzer that doesn't work (5)

DOWN
2 So serve a new spell abroad (8)
3 Lie in bed ill; not fit enough to eat (8)
4 Way out writer in French restaurant (6)
5 Gear made to scale (3-2)
6 Managed to have a church in the farm (5)
7 Write in a way that's jaded (5)
12 Sailor possibly low in cigarettes (3)
13 Not even out of the ordinary (3)
14 A tyrant emerges the first day riot act is reformed (8)
15 Duck needs to retain feathers (4,4)
19 Greek-Cypriot union is one's design (6)
20 A bit of a fight (5)
21 He is absorbed in general physics (5)
22 The sprinter's capacity for a drug (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Feet of clay, 6 Tape, 10 Snail, 11 Metronome, 12 Complain, 13 Misty, 15 Elapsed, 17 Monarch, 19 Peerage, 21 Steps in, 22 Rabbi, 24 Aversion, 27 Novelette, 28 Twist, 29 Eels, 30 Icing sugar.

Down: 1 Fast, 2 Evaporate, 3 Orlop, 4 Command, 5 Antonym, 7 Atoms, 8 Everything, 9 Commerce, 14 Temperance, 16 Spaniels, 18 Restoring, 20 Elastic, 21 Shebeen, 23 Bevel, 25 Sites, 26 Star.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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" " (Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: ABATE BERRY PUDDLE AWAKEN
Answer: To figure out how to profit by going to swap meets, she — LEARNED A TRADE

A 26-year-old man reportedly committed suicide in Hubballi, after his mother did not allow him to buy a pet dog worth Rs 2 lakh. Police claim that the boy was fascinated by rare dogs and already had four dogs in the house. When his mother allegedly denied him permission to buy the expensive dog, he hung himself.

Students from the Shradhanjali Integrated Primary School during the International Day of Persons with Disability at Jawahar Bal Bhavan in Bengaluru | ALLEN EGENUS E J

4K motorised vehicles for physically challenged

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah announced that the Karnataka government is taking steps to distribute motorised vehicles to 4,000 persons with disabilities (PwD) in 2023-24, on World Day of Persons with Disabilities, observed on Sunday (December 3).

The CM said a plan is also being implemented to build 10 residential schools for children with mental disabilities, at a cost of Rs 2 crore, in seven districts. He was speaking at a programme organised by the Department of Women and Child Welfare and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and Senior Citizens on Sunday.

Disabled people are not a burden to society, and have proven it with progress and achievements made across fields, the CM said. Further efforts are being made by the state to provide equal opportunities to the specially abled in education and employment. According to the 2011 census, there are 13,24,205 persons with disabilities in Karnataka. The state has also provided Rs 284.27 crore for educational, medical rehabilitation and senior citizen welfare development of disabled persons, he added.

CRIME PATROL

Elephant dies during capture mission

Shivamogga: A wild elephant died during a jumbo capture mission at Mekanagadde village under Oorubage gram panchayat limits in Mudigere taluk on Saturday. It may be remembered that Elephant Task Force employee Kartik Gowda was recently trampled to death in the jumbo attack. The government has ordered to catch three elephants in the Bhairapura forest region. The capture operation has been going on for the past one week. It is learnt that a lone elephant with a single tusk was spotted near Mekanagadde around 11 pm on Saturday. The veterinarian in the team shot tranquiliser at the elephant. The team went to track down the tranquilised elephant and they found the elephant dead within a short distance. The elephant was found dead near Doddahalla where forest employee Karthik Gowda was killed by the elephant. Actual reason for the death of the elephant is yet to be ascertained.

3 dead in road accidents in city since Saturday

Bengaluru: A 29-year-old man died on the spot when he oversped near Electronic City Phase 1 at around 2.30 am on Sunday. The deceased, Venkatesh, an employee at a private firm, was heading home to Laggere after meeting his friends when the mishap occurred. Venkatesh, who was allegedly reckless lost control, following which he rammed into a road median, sources stated. In another incident, a private school bus driver died in Thalaghattapura traffic police station limits. Police stated that the incident happened near Anjanapura road at 7.30 pm on Saturday when the deceased, Basavaraj, lost control over the vehicle . He was rushed to a hospital in Rajarajeshwari Nagar and was referred to NIMHANS where he succumbed to his injuries on Sunday morning. In yet another accident, a 24-year-old man died after a lorry rammed into the rear of his two-wheeler. The incident occurred on Ballari Road at around 3 pm on Saturday. Abhishek was rushed to a private hospital where he succumbed to his head injuries at around 12.30 am on Sunday. Devanahalli traffic police registered a case.

Mother-in-law's torture drives bride to suicide

Bengaluru: A 23-year-old newly married woman died by suicide, owing to alleged torture by her mother-in-law. Mahadevapura police who are investigating the matter have not found any death note yet. Police stated that the incident occurred on Saturday evening when the deceased, Anusha due to alleged torture hung herself from a ceiling fan. Anusha, a native of Mandya got married to Praveen two months ago and the two had reportedly known each other. Further, police sources stated that the couple had been residing at a rented house in Mahadevapura. Anusha's parents in their complaint accused her mother-in-law of torturing her over not doing household chores. Praveen when he came back home after work at around 5 pm found her hanging from the fan. He rushed her to Vydehi hospital where she was declared dead on arrival.

RTOs avoid Speed Post, send DLs, RCs through agents

Transport officials violate government mandate; move introduced to end tout menace

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru:

THE State government's laudable move initiated three months ago to dispatch Driving Licence (DL) and Registration Certificate (RC) documents to citizens' doorsteps via India Post, bypassing agents, has hit a massive roadblock -- refusal by Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) to do so. The alleged nexus between officials across the 67 RTOs and agents is cited as the reason for failure behind the step to usher in transparency.

The partnership between the transport department and Karnataka Postal Circle resulted in the rollout of this Speed Post service on August 18 this year. Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle, K Prakash told TNIE, "The postal department was supposed to get at least 5 lakh Speed Post bookings per month from the transport department. However, we have received only 60,000 articles in October, which is a little above one-tenth of the promised figure. This marks the first full month after the tie-up. It is slightly better this month (November) and we will be able to collate the exact figures shortly."

A postal source said the move was supposed to be mutually beneficial for both departments.

"It would create transparency for the transport department and applicants would be able to track their documents online if sent through Speed Post. It would ensure an additional steady income for India Post."

He added that only 40 RTOs have begun utilising the services of the postal department, and that too in a limited way. "We classify RTOs into three postal regions -- Bengaluru South (14 RTOs), South Karnataka (27) and North Karnataka (26)," the source added. Insiders at RTOs said the plan would never take off. "A small number of people apply online for their DL and RC, and their documents can be despatched through India Post.

The majority rely on agents to help them out. They hand over money as advance demanded by the agent for his services, when submitting the application. The balance is given only after the RTO documents are handed over. The money is shared by the agents and RTO staff. Sending it by India Post would end this revenue stream," an RTO source said.

Another source said, "RTO officials collect all the envelopes sent by the State government for despatch purposes but hardly make use of them. "

Transport Minister R Ramalinga Reddy told TNIE, "According to my department officials, all fresh DLs are 100 per cent sent through the postal department. But where there is a change in address, they cannot be sent by post."

Docs see no alarming surge in pneumonia cases in state

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

EVEN as China witnesses a spike in cases of respiratory diseases among children due to influenza and mycoplasma pneumonia, doctors in the city have assured that there is no alarming trend observed in Bengaluru.

Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and HOD of Internal Medicine at Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Dr K Ravi said, "We haven't seen any major rise in pneumonia, influenza or SARI cases at any hospitals. There is no alarming trend as such, apart from a few regular cases." Seasonal flu is infectious and spreads from person to person, and an infected person generally suffers from cold, dry cough and fever for at least 7 to 10 days, said Dr Ravi, and added that though viral pneumonia affects everyone, children are more prone to it.

He explained that even mycoplasma pneumonia cases in China are causing breathlessness, fever or cough, and are bacteria-borne. Unlike viral pneumonia which might require patients to be hospitalised and takes longer to recover, most patients of the bacteria-borne pneumonia are not severely affected and are rarely hospitalised.

According to the weekly infectious disease report of the State Surveillance Unit, Karnataka has reported 9,039 SARI cases and 3,417 influenza cases in 2023, (till November 26) both showing a downward trend.

HoD of Paediatrics and Neonatology at Sakra World Hospital, Dr Rajath Athreya explained that there has been a continuous onset of viral-borne diseases including adenovirus, respiratory synctial virus (RSV) or flu-like cases in the last 6-8 months. He assured that no unprecedented seasonal spurt is expected in the city. Regular cases are being checked in OPDs.

Being a TAC member, Dr Athreya also said the health department has initiated measures to tackle any rise in infections at the appropriate time as SARI cases are being well reported, and mock drills are also organised regularly in hospitals.

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Sd/-,
Director

Smuggled arecanut seized from KIA

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In a major crackdown, the vigilance wing of the state Commercial Tax department seized 460 bags of arecanut weighing 11,500 kg at the Kempegowda International Airport. The absence of necessary transportation documents raised suspicions about the cargo's origin.

The preliminary investigations revealed a network involved in the supply of low quality arecanut from North Eastern regions including Assam and Manipur to unregistered traders in Madhya Pradesh and Bengaluru. Collaborating with the authorities of the Goods and Service Tax (GST) from the implicated states, an inquiry that was conducted exposed the use of names and mobile numbers on airway bills, hinting at potential smuggling from Myanmar, an official release stated. The illicitly transported arecanut were priced as low as Rs 25 to Rs 30 per kg, the release added.

In another operation, tax officials seized a vehicle for transporting arecanut reusing an e-way bill, exposing tax evaders who posed as farmers. The accused allegedly misinformed farmer leaders and also held protests. However, the tax evasion established through digital evidence after which the fraudsters admitted the tax evasion and paid Rs 24.26 lakhs penalty under the Karnataka Goods and Services Tax Act.

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Nursing pods ease travel for new mothers

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

YOUNG mothers travelling through major railway stations in the Bengaluru Division can soon feed their babies in privacy and in comfort. Eight well-lit modern nursing pods equipped with comfortable cushioned seats and diaper changing units are coming up at five key stations.

The contract to install them under the Public Private Partnership model has been awarded through an open online auction to Bulls Eye Media.

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager (SrDCM), Bengaluru Division, Krishna Chaitanya told The *New Indian Express*, "A nursing pod opened at the Hubballi railway station earlier received very good response from the public. In our division, KSR Bengaluru City Station will have four nursing pods, one in the ladies waiting hall and one each on the combined platforms of 2/3, 5/6 and 7/8. A pod each will come up at Yesvantpur, Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal (SMVT), Cantonment and Dharmapuri stations." These will be an addition to the feeding cubicles present at KSR Bengaluru and Bengaluru Cantonment. "As per the agreement, the licensee will install and maintain the nursing pods while Railways will permit advertising rights on the pod to the licensee. The contract will run for a period of three years," Chaitanya said.

Representative pictures of nursing pods that will come up at five stations in Bengaluru Railway Division | EXPRESS

The private partner will pay Indian Railways an annual fee of Rs 5.35 lakh for all the eight units in Bengaluru. "This is one among the non-fare revenue steps taken up the division. Nursing Pods are looked at more as a crucial public amenity rather than a major revenue stream," the SrDCM explained. Based on the response, it will be extended to other stations in the division in future," he added.

Among other amenities coming up are Relaxation Centres with massage chairs at KSR Bengaluru, Yelahanka, Whitefield, KR Puram, Tumakuru, Yesvantpur and SMTV stations. Hi-tech storage facilities in the form of self-operated digital lockers with QR code scanners to store valuables and luggage at KSR Bengaluru, Yesvantpur and SMVT are in the offing.

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KILLING FEMALES IN THE WOMB

Greed drives gender scans, killings in OT

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

A sex determination and female foeticide racket unfolded recently in Karnataka, and revealed that a team of doctors was using a jaggery unit in Mandya as an ultrasound scanning centre, and had aborted around 900 female foetuses in the past two years. The incident has pointed out flaws in the enforcement of the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act, and the continued violations by centres performing sex determination tests, despite being banned in 1994.

Highlighting the continued prevalence of such cases, Dr Ravi N, secretary, Indian Radiology and Imaging Association, Karnataka chapter, said radiologists have become flag-bearers of the blame for fake doctors and unregistered laboratories performing sex determination tests and abortions, solely for financial gain.

"Multiple quacks have emerged, as several unregistered training institutes (stimulation centres) claiming to provide skills for performing ultrasound tests, among other tests. However, they are also secretly performing gender detection tests but we do not have proof to call them out," Dr Ravi said. More than the registered doctors and radiologists, these quacks perform tests, especially in rural parts. Even a few government-run training courses have also been introduced, adding to the burden, he added.

A radiologist can determine the gender of the baby in the 12-15th week of pregnancy, the second trimester. According to the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act (MTP) 2021, a woman is allowed to terminate her pregnancy with the opinion of a registered medical practitioner, up to 20 weeks of gestation.

As both the time durations are near to each other, it results in violation of both the PCPNDT and MTP Acts, if an abortion is performed illegally after the 20th week.

Other than the radiologist and the mother, no one else, be it the husband or another family member, is allowed inside the room, while an ultrasound is being performed. While it is being ensured that all medical professionals diligently follow this practice and are trained to not disclose the gender of the baby even by mistake, as addressing the baby as a 'him' or 'her' also ends up revealing the gender without any ill intention. There is a lack of vigilance over these 'quacks' who might allow families to witness the ultrasound tests, violating protocols and aiding abortions in case it's a girl.

"It is saddening to see that even today, when we come out after a successful delivery, and inform the family about the baby's gender, they jump with joy when news of a boy being born is announced, but develop a sombre attitude when a girl is born," Dr Usha BK, neonatologist and assistant professor at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College and Research Institute.

For centuries, preference was given to male children, irrespective of people's socio-economic status. Girls are called a 'burden', for raising them only to send them off to a possible suitor, while boys would bring support to the family even after marriage.

Following protocol

Measures are being taken to reduce such cases. Dr Pradeep Srinivasan, head of radiology, Fortis Hospitals, Bengaluru, explained that every foetal medicine specialist is to follow a set protocol of uploading the patient details on the government-run portal, stating details, followed by an undertaking signed by both parties. "To avoid any gender-related discussions, we refer to the baby as 'it' instead of 'him' or 'her', to avoid the slightest chance of revealing the baby's gender," he added.

The district level task force committee also takes up 'decoy operations' by sending pregnant women to scanning centres to undergo scanning, and requesting the radiologist to disclose the sex.

The lack of clarity in defining the PCPNDT Act has resulted in many radiologists calling it a 'draconian law' as it gives officials authority to misuse it too, without much proof of a professional indulging in sex determination activities. Even a clerical error is considered a possible case of performing such activities, making doctors fearful of taking radiology as a specialisation, to avoid unreasonable scrutiny.

Among the border districts in the state, where gender detection and female foeticide is still rampant, Udupi comes as a ray of hope as no cases, indicating sex determination activities, have been reported in the past 15 years.

Experts attributed it to the traditional adoption of a matriarchal family system when women having an upper hand in families, is not considered a cause of insecurity among men.

Patriarchy and gender bias continue to contribute to illegal abortions, in violation of the PCPNDT Act

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Families, doctors to blame

Doctors have blamed both the families and medical professionals indulging in such practices, as both are driven by each other's wants. However, medical professionals who take the oath not to break any laws and promote such activities for personal gain, are called the bigger culprits.

Recalling one such incident, Dr Satish, DHO, Kodagu, said a doctor couple alongside seven others were booked for alleged trafficking of a newborn a few years ago. They allegedly performed the delivery on a minor on request from the parents, with the help of a nurse and a group D worker. Post the delivery, the baby was allegedly sold for Rs 1.5 lakh to a private hospital. The case is pending in court, both the doctors are serving practitioners, and only faced suspension for two months.

Meanwhile, the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal of achieving 'gender equality and empowering all women' by 2030 seems a farsighted goal when a daughter continues to be killed while in the womb, or abandoned by her parents immediately after being born.

(With *inputs of Ramkrishna Badseshi/Kalaburagi, B K Lakshmikantha/Mysuru,* Divya *Cutinho/Mangaluru,* Ramachandra *V Gunari/Shivamogga,* Prakash *Samaga/Udupi,* Prajna *GR/Madikeri*)

Woman's rights over her body a travesty

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THE arrest of a doctor, Chandan Ballal, and his lab technician Nisar, who allegedly conducted more than 900 illegal abortions over the past three years at a hospital in Mysuru, and the arrest of nine persons in the Byappanahalli police station jurisdiction in Bengaluru, for allegedly performing 242 illegal abortions in the last three months,

have raised serious concerns over two issues -- both are anchored around women's rights, or lack of them, over their reproductive health.

While there's not much clarity on whether all these said illegal abortions were carried out after the sex of the foetus was disclosed to the couple by the radiologist, or because of other reasons, the incidents confirm that women lack authority or propriety over their own reproductive health. Sex determination of the foetus is banned under the Preconception and Prenatal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act. Female foeticide is a criminal offence like dowry, but both these social evils continue to prevail because of a deeply ingrained patriarchal mindset, which considers a girl child not just a liability or burden but a commodity that needs protection by the male from the male, and 'something' that should be handed over to the male by the male for 'safe' use and keep. This convoluted thought nurtures patriarchy.

Ironically, it is women who are largely the pall-bearers of this self-inflicting, self-indicting and self-violating mindset. A woman is blamed, ostracised, violated and made to feel guilty, and a lesser woman for bearing a girl child, despite the fact that genetically, the Y chromosome that determines the sex of the male child comes from the father. The X and Y chromosomes, also known as the sex chromosomes, determine the biological sex of an individual: females inherit an X chromosome from the father for a XX genotype, while males inherit a Y chromosome from the father for a XY genotype (mothers only pass on X chromosomes). In some instances, the mental trauma that a woman goes through for bearing a girl child and her own blighted life have resulted in cases of maternal filicide.

Female foeticide reflects women's position in society, which still glorifies the birth of a male child and 'legitimises' motherhood despite the breaking of the glass ceiling, several progressive reforms (from increased political representation to inheritance, property and marital laws among others) and inclusive policies that acknowledge the other, besides the female and male genders. Female foeticide remains an alarmingly common practice in India, as evidenced by the national census in 2011 that indicated only 914 females for every 1000 males in the zero to six years age range. "We know for a fact that female foeticide continues, with women being pushed into illegal and unsafe abortions. In the early 1980s-90s, Mandya was a hotbed of this evil practice because of its male dominated agrarian economy. In the early 70s, it was female infanticide. There were instances where girl children were killed by their families and made to look like an accident.

Girls have traditionally been looked down upon as the weaker sex. With the advent of technology, ultrasound scans which are used to determine the health of the foetus started being used for sex determination and sex selective births. There were illegal clinics and nursing homes in Mandya bearing feminine names to sound women-friendly, but were actually illegal abortion centres," said well-known women's activist Donna Fernandes. She added that though PCPNDT is a good law, it needs to be implemented. "There is so much moral and financial corruption and almost all stakeholders; from government health officers to scanning centres, nursing homes and doctors, who are part of this unholy nexus. Women are the victims of sex selective births. In some parts of the country it is difficult to get a bride because of a lesser number of girls of marriageable age. In other parts, a girl is sold to more than one prospective groom," she claimed.

There is, however, a flip side to the campaigns against female foeticide. "Very often we have seen that such campaigns make it difficult for women to access safe abortion," said Associate Professor, National Law School of India University (NLSIU) Aparna Chandra. "In the process of the enforcement of the PCPNDT many legal and certified centres also get targeted, making it difficult for women to access safe abortion services," she added. In India unsafe abortions account for around 10 percent of maternal mortality, Chandra had stated along with her fellow co-authors in a fact finding study - 'Legal Barriers to Accessing Safe Abortion Services in India' published by the NLSIU.

> A year ago no one expected Congress to come to power in Telangana. Rahul's Bharat Jodo further encouraged party workers there. The victory of Congress in Karnataka and the implementation of guarantees as promised helped as the voters in Telangana reposed faith on the Congress

> In Rajasthan, MP and Chhattisgarh, BJP has spent its illegally earned money like water. They have continued their old game of dividing society on the basis of religion. The anti-incumbency wave is also the reason for the setback of the Congress in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh

Siddaramaiah, CM

'Guarantee for guarantees' by Karnataka Congress netas win Telangana for party

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

WINNING Assembly polls in neighbouring Telangana has come as a big morale booster for the Congress government in Karnataka.

Now that the two neighbouring states will have common party governments, Karnataka could get rice for its Anna Bhagya sceme and also electricity, which has been in short supply for the Siddaramaiah government, But will the two states resolve issues related to river water disputes is the big question.

In the run-up to the polls, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, their cabinet colleagues KJ George, Zameer Ahmed Khan and Dr Sharana Prakash Patil among others contributed significantly, ensuring the party's victory.

Chikkaballapura MLA Pradeep Eshwar, who too was involved, said party leaders from Karnataka countered Bharat Rashtra Samiti's campaign that the guarantee schemes have not worked in Karnataka. "We went aggressive and convinced people that guarantees have indeed worked and quite effectively too," he said.

"Karnataka will definitely have it easy while negotiating on various issues as many leaders from Karnataka have contributed to the victory of Congress in Telangana," a Congress leader said.

The capitals of the two states, Bengaluru and Hyderabad, could see a boom in the real estate business as more investors could be interested with the the same party ruling the two states, he added.

Fifty-fifty for Kanugolu

Though poll strategist Sunil Kanugolu worked out a strategy similar to Karnataka in Madhya Pradesh and Telangana, it had mixed results. He had opened poll war rooms in both states and chalked out strategies to be adopted on the ground.

He had predicted 125 seats for Congress in MP and 67 in Telangana, but the Grand Old Party managed 67 and 65 seats, respectively.

"The inputs from the war room were of great help to us, especially when convincing people about the guarantees, which have been conceptualised on the lines of promises made ahead of Karnataka polls," said Chikkaballapur MLA Pradeep Eshwar.

Strategists associated with Kanugolu could feel the pulse of the people in Telangana, but not in Madhya Pradesh, where they could not take advantage of the anti-incumbency factor. Kanugolu was given credit for the success of Congress party in Karnataka polls and rewarded with the CM's chief adviser post. Now it is to be seen whether Congress depends on him in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

After 3 more states in kitty, BJP sure of 28/28 in K'taka

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THE BJP's victory in three states has given a boost to the party's morale in Karnataka with leaders expressing confidence of the party bagging all 28 seats in the state in next year's Lok Sabha elections.

Speaking to reporters on Sunday, former chief minister BS Yediyurappa said that the election results have shown that the BJP will retain power at the Centre in 2024. "BJP will win all 28 Lok Sabha seats in Karnataka. The results show that the Congress' foundation is shaking," he said, adding that the BJP has improved its performance in Telangana.

Yediyurappa further said that he will take out a statewide tour after the winter session of the state legislature.

Leader of Opposition R Ashoka said that the election results are a clear mandate for PM Narendra Modi's leadership and BJP's development politics. "In three states, voters have blessed the BJP with recognition for good governance and development beyond the Opposition's propaganda," Ashoka said. BJP leaders said that the guarantee schemes of Karnataka Congress failed to attract voters in other poll-bound states.

BJP supporters celebrate the party's win in three states at the party office in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Karnataka BJP president BY Vijayendra said that the victories in Rajasthan, MP and Chhattisgarh signifies the public's endorsement of BJP's commitment to development and serves as a resounding rejection of Congress' approach of relying on freebies. "The sentiment expressed by the common man is evident — voters prioritise development over theatrical freebies," he said.

'Cong's win is due to money'

Karnataka JDS president and former CM HD Kumaraswamy alleged that the Congress' victory in Telangana is because of the money flown from Karnataka and other places. "This victory is not on their strength," he added

Expressing happiness at the end of the BRS rule, BJP national general secretary Bandi Sanjay on Sunday congratulated the Congress and TPCC chief A Revanth Reddy

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CONGRESS 'HAND' STOPS THE FORWARD MARCH OF BRS 'CAR'

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"Maarpu Kaavali, Congress Raavali" — the popular poll slogan came true on Sunday as the party, after nine-plus years, finally swept aside the ruling BRS winning 64 of the 119 constituencies, five more than the magic number required to form the government.

The BRS of outgoing CM K Chandrasekhar Rao, bidding for a record third consecutive term, came a distant second with just 39, down from 88 in 2018.The Congress Legislature Party will meet on Monday at 9.30 am to elect its leader, AICC sources informed *TNIE*. State Congress chief A Revanth Reddy, the man of the moment, dedicated the victory to Telangana martyrs and declared that here on, Pragati Bhavan, official residence of the CM, will be called Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Praja Bhavan. Karnataka DyCM DK Shivakumar made it clear that the party high command will decide the legislature party leader and chief minister. Revanth, who won by a whopping 32,532 votes in Kodangal, is the front-runner to be the new CM. The firebrand leader, accompanied by DK Shivakumar and senior Telangana colleagues, formally met Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan late in the evening to stake claim to form the government. As his party's defeat became obvious, CM K Chandrasekhar Rao sent his resignation to the Governor and left the Pragati Bhavan in a private vehicle for his farmhouse. Though KCR didn't speak, BRS working president KT Rama Rao congratulated the Congress and affirmed that his party would learn lessons and play its new role as an opposition.

The Congress, which was considered dead and buried in the last nine years, breached the BRS bastions in North Telangana, winning 34 out of 54 seats —effectively ending any hopes of the BRS. The CPI, its ally, won in the only seat it contested from. In the south, a stronghold of the Congress, it won 30 out of 50 seats, but the party drew a blank in Hyderabad, where the BRS won seven and MIM seven. The BJP, interestingly, won as many as eight seats in total, up from just one in 2018.

BJP leader and former minister Eatala Rajender, touted as a possible BJP CM candidate, was defeated in both Huzurabad and Gajwel segments. In the latter, he lost to KCR.

If Revanth is elected as CLP leader, he will be the first chief minister from the most backward Palamuru region.

Congress supporters celebrate party's victory in the Telangana Assembly elections in Hyderabad on Sunday | SRI LOGANATHAN VELMURUGAN

TPCC president Revanth Reddy greets party workers at his residence in Hyderabad on Sunday | VINAY MADAPU

Revanth — Man who always believed he would be CM

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IT was sometime in the year 2000 when Anumula Revanth Reddy, aged just about 31, confided to a close friend: "I will one day be the chief minister." At the time, he was not in any political party. He had, just a few months prior, won the prestigious Jubilee Hills Cooperative Housing Society polls in Hyderabad. He had by then made his mark in the real estate sector.

Born on November 8, 1969 to Narsimha Reddy and Ramachandramma in an agricultural family, Revanth was fourth among seven siblings. It was during his college days that he was associated with ABVP, the student wing of the BJP. He got married to Geeta Reddy, niece of former union minister and senior Congress leader S Jaipal Reddy in 1992.

Revanth, around this time, floated an advertising and printing agency and within four years, got into real estate at a time when Hyderabad was just beginning to grow as an IT hub. He was elected as director of the Jubilee Hills Cooperative Housing Society.

In 2002, Revanth and present CM and BRS president K Chandrasekhar Rao became friends with the latter launching a separate Telangana agitation.

Later, Revanth distanced himself from the TRS. His arangetram in politics was as an independent in a ZPTC election in 2006. A year later, he contested MLC elections. In 2007, the then CM YS Rajasekhara Reddy asked him to join the Congress, but Revanth chose the Telugu Desam.

He contested for the first time in Assembly elections in 2009 from Kodangal and won. In 2014, he contested again from the same seat and won.

His real test began thereafter. On May 31, 2015, Revanth was caught red-handed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau for allegedly offering ₹50 lakh to nominated MLA Stephenson to vote in favour of TDP candidate Vem Narender Reddy in MLC elections. He was arrested. What he said at the time is significant. He twirled his moustache and dared CM KCR: "I will see your end. My time will come."

Revanth joined the Congress in 2017 and was very soon made the working president of the State Congress. At the time of Assembly elections in 2018, he faced Income Tax and ED searches for alleged irregularities in financial transactions. He lost the election from Kodangal to BRS.

He won the Lok Sabha seat from Malkajgiri in 2019 just four months after the loss in the Assembly election He was made the Pradesh Congress President in June 2021.

An avid footballer, he told this correspondent, "I was never interested in becoming a minister. My target is to be the CM. I wanted to come up from the grassroots level. There are no shortcuts in politics."

Anti-incumbency, failure to implement schemes & 'family rule' do BRS in

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NON-implementation of prestigious welfare schemes, strong anti-incumbency against around 45 sitting MLAs and the alleged 'family-rule' of KCR were the main factors that worked against the ruling BRS in the elections.

Disgruntlement among government employees and teachers against the BRS too proved costly for the party. The pink party also sagged under the weight of its prestigious schemes like 2BHK and Dalit Bandhu. After the results, people are openly saying that only a few got 2BHK houses and financial assistance of ₹10 lakh under Dalit Bandhu.

The dream of the BRS to score a hat-trick and form the government for a third consecutive time in south India has been shattered, the party biting the dust with the Congress winning the polls with a comfortable majority.

Adding salt to its wounds, BRS supremo lost from Kamareddy at the hands of BJP candidate K Venkata Ramana Reddy. However, the defeat is by no means humiliating for the BRS as it won 39 seats and will play the role of the principal Opposition party in the State. This is because the BRS government disbursed over ₹70,000 crore to 70 lakh farmers in the last five years under Rythu Bandhu. Asara pensions also helped the party win in key pockets.

Though KCR, in all his 96 election meetings, asked farmers whether they wanted the Dharani portal to be continued, it appears that the portal is unacceptable to marginal farmers who were upset due to the many glitches. The BRS government failed to rectify the mistakes in land records on Dharani portal, which was also one of the reasons for its defeat.

As the BRS failed to satisfy people in constructing 2BHK houses and provide Dalit Bandhu to all eligible, the people, it seems, did not believe in the new assurances given in the manifesto.

The schemes announced before the polls like ₹ 1 lakh financial assistance to BCs and minorities too were not disbursed as expected by the people.

Analysts opine that the people began wondering if the Kalvakuntla family would rule the state forever and decided to give a chance to the Congress.

Another factor is that people were not happy with around 40 to 45 sitting MLAs.

A deserted BRS head office in Hyderabad on Sunday | VINAY MADAPU

LEADERS' SPEAK

All our 60 lakh members worked tirelessly, hoping to ensure party's victory. But that's not to be. But I want to thank them all. We will analyse the reasons for the defeat
KT Rama Rao, BRS working-president

This victory is to fulfil the aspirations of Telangana martyrs, to revive democracy in Telangana, to develop state. Congress will be an inspiration to the country and world in protecting human rights in the state
Revanth Reddy, Telangana Congress chief

STETHOSCOPES TO LEGISLATION: T'GANA GETS 15 DOCTOR MLAs

Palpating the political pulse of Telangana, 15 candidates winning from different constituencies are doctors by profession. The election results reveal a notable trend with an unprece-dented number of doctors winning as MLAs. The constituencies that will now have a doctor MLA include Dornakal, Achampet and Sirpur

MIXED FORTUNES FOR TS MINISTERS, MPs

Six ministers in KCR's Cabinet suffered defeats while the rest managed to retained their seats: Winners include Animal Husbandry Minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav, Energy Minister G Jagadish Reddy, Roads & Buildings Minister Vemula Prasanth Reddy, Labour Minister Ch Malla Reddy, Finance Minister T Harish Rao, IT Minister KT Rama Rao

EC SUSPENDS DGP ANJANI KUMAR FOR MCC VIOLATION

The Election Commission ordered the suspension of DGP Anjani Kumar for violation of the MCC as the counting of votes was underway in the state. They said the DGP, along with state police nodal officer Sanjay Jain and nodal officer (expenditure) Mahesh Bhagwat, met TPCC chief A Revanth Reddy with a bouquet of flowers at his residence in Hyderabad amid counting of votes

BJP's Katipally Venkata Ramana Reddy celebrates his win from Kamareddy

BJP's giant-killer who defeated KCR, Revanth

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@ Kamareddy

"I am against money politics. I will not give money and take money from anyone." Coming from a politician, you wouldn't believe such a remark. But the BJP's Katipally Venkata Ramana Reddy, the 53-year-old slayer of giants in Kamareddy, is cut from a different cloth.

It was billed as a big fight between Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao (70) and Telangana Congress chief Revanth Reddy (54). But the grassroot leader, who led a farmers' movement against the hugely unpopular Kamareddy master plan of the BRS government, had other ideas. Taking on the top leaders, Ramana Reddy didn't lack confidence. "I don't see KCR as a big leader, I don't perceive the TPCC chief any differently. People lack options due to the BRS and the Congress having established vote banks. I assure people of change without resorting to money or liquor distribution and am contesting with a separate agenda," he told TNIE before the elections.

The BRS government later announced that it would shelve the move to acquire nearly 3,000 acres of agricultural land for industrial purposes. But farmers, still wary about its intentions, relegated the CM to third place and instead chose the man who led their agitation.

Commenting on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's election meeting in Kamareddy on November 25, Ramana Reddy said, "The PM's public meeting was a grand success. Although he didn't mention my name, I presented our election manifesto to him."

Cyclone Michaung intensifies, Andhra, Tamil Nadu on alert

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AS cyclonic storm 'Michaung' continues to intensify and progresses northwestwards at a speed of 9 kmph over the Southwest Bay of Bengal, heavy to very heavy rains in several parts of Andhra Pradesh is likely for the next few days. Positioned about 420 km southeast of Nellore, 530 km south-southeast of Bapatla, and 530 km south-southeast of Machilipatnam, the storm is expected to cross the south Andhra Pradesh coast between Nellore and Machilipatnam on the afternoon of December 5 as a severe cyclonic storm.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), a red alert has been issued in West Godavari and Dr Ambedkar Konaseema, Nellore, Prakasam, Krishna, Bapatla, and Guntur , and Tirupati, Chittoor, Annammayya and YSR Kadapa. The warning signifies the likelihood of heavy to very heavy rainfall along with gale winds of 90-100 kmph, gusting to 110 kmph, on Monday. An orange alert has been issued in Eluru, East Godavari, and Kakinada in North Coastal Andhra, Palnadu and NTR in SCAP, and Sri Sathya Sai and Nandyala in Rayalaseema districts for Monday.

Alluri Sitharama Raju, Parvathipuram-Manyam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam, and Anakapalle in NCAP, Anantapur, and Kurnool in Rayalaseema have been issued a yellow warning for Monday.

Meanwhile, the Regional Meterological Centre on Sunday has issued a red alert for Chennai, Tiruvallur, Chengalpattu and Kancheepuram for Monday as the cyclone Michaung is expected to bring extremely heavy rains with thunderstorms, lightning and strong winds in these districts.

Gale wind with speed reaching 60-70 kmph gusting to 80 kmph are likely to occur over Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram, Chennai, Tiruvallur districts. Strong wind with speed reaching 50-60 kmph, gusting to 70 kmph is likely to occur over Villupuram and Cuddalore districts.

High tide in Chennai's Besant Nagar beach owing to Cyclone Michaung on Sunday. The state is witnessing heavy rain over the last few days | P RAVIKUMAR

STAGE SET FOR A HEATED WINTER SESSION

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WHEN pointed out that many legislators remained absent in the last winter session in Belagavi, Assembly Speaker UT Khader hoped that they would attend in good numbers this time.

Khader said he will try to set aside more time for discussions on all major issues pertaining to the state and also give ample time to discuss issues of North Karnataka. Some issues relating to North Karnataka, like drought, Mahadayi and Upper Krishna Project, may come for discussion, he added.

'Guarantee heat'

The Opposition is expected to target the government over its rising focus on the guarantee schemes and the neglect of most of the other projects and developmental works.

"Congress claims the guarantee schemes are a big hit, but people in three of the four states — Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh — voted BJP to power. Congress has been ignored by the voters there," a BJP source said, adding that the issue could trigger a heated debate in the session.

The Assembly Hall inside Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi | EXPRESS

Belagavi Deputy Commissioner Nitesh Patil, meanwhile, said the administration has made all arrangements to hold the session effectively. Belagavi Police Commissioner S N Siddaramappa said more than 5,000 police personnel will be deployed.

Most of the hotels, resorts and lodges in Belagavi have been booked by the government for thousands of guests, including ministers, legislators, officials, media persons and others who will be staying here for 10 days for the session.

Biker crashes into Bhavani's luxury car, she seeks ₹50L

ENS @ Mysuru

A villager crashed into a Rs 1.5 crore Toyota Vellfire car, in which JDS MLA HD Revanna's wife Bhavani, was traveling in KR Nagar taluk in Mysuru district on Sunday. Bhavani demanded Rs 50 lakh from the villagers for the damage.

The accident occurred at Rampura junction at Saligrama. Two villagers on a motorbike, trying to overtake another two-wheeler, crashed into the high-end car, causing minor scratches. Bhavani, who got down from the vehicle, told the bikers, "If you wanted to die, you should have crashed into a bus. This car costs Rs 1.5 crore and you have damaged it. Give me Rs 50 lakh for repairs."

She later called someone over the phone and asked them to inform the Saligrama SI. She took photos of the bikers and threatened to send them to jail. The Saligrama police have registered a case.

ELSEHWERE FROM SOUTH

TN DGP SHOULD TAKE ED COMPLAINT SERIOUSLY, SAYS ANNAMALAI

KANNIYAKUMARI: BJP Tamil Nadu president K Annamalai on Sunday said Tamil Nadu DGP for DVAC should take the complaint given by the senior ED official seeking FIR against those who entered the ED premises in Madurai as only four of the 35 men identified their name in the register. "We should not paint any organisation with black paint if its personnel, who are human, has done any wrong. The organisations and people working in them were different. The ED complaint shows that DVAC search was going on late night. There was a possibility of seeing all the files of big leaders. Files related to sand mining and other cases were in the office," he said, adding that since informers' names were also included in the documents, it posed a threat to their life. Commenting on the poll results declared on Sunday, he said the party has made history in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chattisgarh. He said Sanatana Dharma and the good governance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. ENS

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SEC 13 (2) OF "THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIALASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002. The following persons whose names are mentioned in Col No.1, The details of properties mortgaged are shown in Col No.2. The borrower have defaulted in repaying the amounts due by them as shown in Col. No.3, in spite of repeated remainders, consequently these dues have been classified as NPA's as per RBI's guidelines . Notices were sent by Regd. Post to below mentioned date and that is returned / undelivered. Therefore the respective borrowers are hereby called upon to repay the outstanding amounts due mentioned against their names in Col No.3 within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which LIC Housing Finance Ltd., would be constrained to initiate proceedings under sec.13 (4) of SARFAESI Act against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereunder against the respective loan A/cs to realize the amounts due to them.

Sl. No.	NAME OF THE BORRROWER & LOAN NO	DEMAND NOTICE DATE	NOTICE AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERY
1	**MR/MS.NADEEMULLA KHAN MR/MS.PASHA SURAIYA 412000004946 & 412000005006**	**16/10/2023**	**Rs.5942211.00** (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakh Forty Two Thousand Two Hundred Eleven Only)	**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**: All that piece and parcel of the Property House List No. 6, Khata No. 128, Presently comes under the Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Bangalore, Situated at Kodichikkanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 30' Feet and North to South: 40' feet, in all measuring 1200 Square feet, as per Form B Property Register bearing Sl. No. 151, Property No. 128/6, at Kodichikkanahalli Village, Bangalore Ward No. 188 of BBMP, PID No. 188-W327-4. and bounded on: **East by: Private Property, West by : Property No. 7, North by : Road, South by: Property No.5.** Together with 22 (Twenty Two) Squares RCC Roofing building thereon, consisting of 10 squares in Ground Floor, and 10 squares in First Floor, 2 squares in Second Floor thereon, Brick and cement wall, red oxide flooring, doors and windows are made out of Jungle wood with all civic amenities.
2	**MR.VISHAL SINHA 411900015143**	**16/10/2023**	**Rs.4611346.00** (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Forty Six Only)	**SCHEDULE 'A':** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing converted land (for High Tech Purpose) Sy.No.38/4, (earlier part of Sy.No.38/2 and still previously part of Sy.No.38) Present BBMP Katha No. 227/188, situated at Nallurahalli Village, K R PuramHobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, Presently East Taluk, presently under the administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP, totally measuring 28 Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on: **East by : Land bearing Sy. No.37/1, West by: Land bearing Sy. No.45/2 and 43/4, North by : Road & Land bearing Sy. No.38/2, South by: Land bearing Sy. No.37/1 and village boundary of Whitefield.** **SCHEDULE 'B':** 496.30 Sq.ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above. **SCHEDULE 'C':** Flat bearing No. 203, on second Floor, in "B" Block, measuring about 1418 Sq.ft. Super built up area, containing Three Bed Rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, along with one covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common area such as passages, lobbies, staircase, Lift, etc., in the multi-storeyed residential building known as "BM ROSEWOOD" constructed over Schedule "A" Property.
3	**MR.SRINIVASAN CHANDRAN MS. S THANUJA CHRISTINA 412100001307**	**29/09/2023**	**Rs.5839784.00** (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Four Only)	**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing converted Survey No.108/1, New Survey No. 108/5, and Conversion Order No. ALN(EBB):SR/199/2012-13, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore BBMP "A" katha No. 09, situated at: L.G. Lake Dew Town Ship, Bileshivale Village, Bidarahalli, Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, now comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP, Bangalore measuring: **On Eastern side: 138.6 Feet, On Western side: 131 feet On Northern side: 105 Feet, On Southern side: 105 Feet**. In total measuring 14154 Square Feet and bounded on: **East by: Remaining Portion of Same Sy.No.108/5, West by : Road and Sy.No.109, North by : Sy.No.108/1, South by: Own Road and Sy.No. 108/2,108/3 & 108/4. SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY:** All the piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing Flat No.A-108, located in Ground Floor, of the 'B.S.V. RAAYA AMBLE HARVEST APARTMENT' constructed on Schedule "a" Property having 2 Bedrooms and super built up area of 1319 Sq.ft., and having vitrified flooring with covered Car Parking in ground floor. **SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY:** 322.88 sq. ft., Undivided share, right, title and interest in the Land comprised in the Schedule "A" Property.
4	**Ms.Puttamma Mr. Sonnappa 410500006707**	**22.09.2023**	**Rs.3737437.00** (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Four Hundred And Thirty Seven Only)	**SCHEDULE PROPERTIES:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No. 14, V P Katha No. 133/14, Property No. 133, Property No. 227/133/14, E—Swathu No.150200301500300227 formed in Sy No. 159/1A, duly converted from agriculture to non-agricultural residential purpose vide official memorandum dated 10/04/1989 bearing No. B.DS.ALN/SR(S)235/1988-89 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, situated at Tharalu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, property now comes under the limits of Tharalu Village Panchayath, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 34 feet, totally measuring 1360 Square feet together with existing building thereon and bounded on: **East by : Road, West by : Site No. 39, North by : Site No. 15, South by: Remaining portion of the property.**
5	**MR.PRAVEEN KUMAR 410600011628**	**30/09/2023**	**Rs.3501302.00** (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh One Thousand Three Hundred Two Only)	**SCHEDULE PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of the Eastern Portion of the Site bearingNo.29, Srigandadkavalu Village, Katha No. 176, Assessment No. 55/9, now under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.73, Situated at Srigandadkavalu Village, Yeshawantpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring **East to West 15 Ft., and North to South: 40 Ft., in all measuring 600 Sq.ft. And bounded on: East by : Property belongs to Gowaramma West by : Remaining of the site No. 29 North by: Road, South by: Site No. 17.**
6	**Mr. Rehan Ahmed 410300001164**	**20.09.2023**	**Rs. 3417474.00** (Rupees Thirty four lakh seventeen thousand four hundred seventy four only)	**SCHEDULE PROPERTIES:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing residential vacant Site No. 170/B, Old Gantiganahalli Village Panchayath Katha No. 33 & 34, Presently BBMP Katha No. 33/34/170/C, situated at Kenchanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hiobli, presently comes under jurisdiction of BBMP, Chowdeshwari ward No. 02, Bangalore North (Addl) Taluk, Yelahanka Taluk, measuring East To West: 40 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet in all total 1200 Sq.ft.with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded as follows: **East by : Site bearing No. 170/A, West by : Site bearing No. 170/C, North by : 30 Feet wide Road, South by: Portion of Site No. 170.**
7	**Mr. Rehan Ahmed 410300001163**	**20.09.2023**	**Rs. 3417474.00** (Rupees Thirty four lakh seventeen thousand four hundred seventy four only)	**SCHEDULE PROPERTIES:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing residential vacant Site No. 170/C, Old Gantiganahalli Village Panchayath Katha No. 33 & 34, Presently BBMP Katha No. 33/34/170/C, situated at Kenchanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hiobli, presently comes under jurisdiction of BBMP, Chowdeshwari ward No. 02, Bangalore North (Addl) Taluk, Yelahanka Taluk, measuring East To West: 40 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet in all total 1200 Sq.ft.with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded as follows: **East by : Site bearing No. 170/B, West by : Site bearing No. 171, North by : 30 Feet wide Road, South by: Portion of Site No. 170.**
8	**MR.POOLA RAJASEKHAR 410100014363**	**30/10/2023**	**Rs.3414513.00** (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen Only)	**SCHEDULE PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of SOUTHERN PORTION OF SITE NO.21, carved out of Property No.24/P10, having Khata No. 24/P10/21, situated at BASAVANAPURA VILLAGE, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, now comes under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagar Palike Ward No.53, measuring East to West: 41-0 feet and North to South: 18.5 feet in all measuring 758.50 Square feet and bounded on the **East by: Site No.2, West by : Road, North by: Northern portion of Site No.2, South by: Site No.20/A.** Along with 6 Square AC roofed house constructed with Cement and Bricks, Doors, Windows and with all civic amenities in the Schedule Property.
9	**MS. SMITHA K D MR. SANTOSH SHANKAR NAIK 410500001376, 410500002060 & 410500002700**	**03/10/2023**	**Rs.7435380.00** (Rupees Seventy Four Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Only)	**SCHEDULE PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of South Eastern Portion of Vacant Site No.125, Jurisdiction of Kengeri Town Municipal Khata No. 1525/125, now this property comes under the Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Kengeri Sub-division, New BBMP Property No.4940/1525/125, Situated at Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West: 25 feet and North to South: 50 feet, totally measuring 1250Square feet and bounded on: **East by: Halla and Private Property, West by: Remaining portion of same property belongs to the Vendors, North by: 15 feet wide Road provided by the Ven\dors in the same number property towards existing Road, South by: Site No. 111.**
10	**Mr. Lakshmi Narasimham Putrevu Ms. Vijasri 411900010901**	**15.09.2023**	**Rs 3385968.00** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Eight Only)	**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of converted Land in Sy. No. 24/3,(converted for Non-agricultural/residential purpose vide official Memorandum bearing No. Dis,/ALN SR(SA) 260/2000-2001 dated 09.01.2001 from the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District of Doddanekkundi Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring 1 Acre 3 Guntas or 46827 Sft and bonded on: **East by : Private Property, West by : Land belonging to Mr. Rama Reddy, North by : Land belonging to Mr. Rama Reddy, South by: Road and Shops belonging to Sri N R Parthasathy.**
11	**Mr.Govardhana Giri Neella 411900016177**	**26/09/2023**	**Rs.3049671.00** (Rupees Thirty Lakh Forty Nine Thousand And Six Hundred Seventy One Only)	**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing old Sy No. 37, converted property bearing Nes Sy No. 37/1, measuring 20,146.5 Sq.ft. out of 26 guntas as per the conversion order at No. ALN(E)SR(KH)100/10-11 dated 10.11.2011, situated in Seegehalli Village, Krishnarajpuram Hobli, Bangalore South /taluk, now in the BBMP, BBMP old Katha No. 125 now as per the order No. BBMP/M.S.T.N.S/CR/1024/12-13 dated 03.01.2013 in katha No. 125/1 and issued the Katha Certificate No. DA/KTR/48/12-13 dated 04.01.2013 is bounded by: **East by: 40 ft. Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Rain water Drain (Marve), South by : Private Property.** **SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY:** Undivided share, right, title and interest equivalent to 330 square feet in the clubbed Schedule 'A' Property **SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY:** All that piece of property bearing Flat No. B-006 situated in Ground Floor of the apartment "PRAKURTHI ENCLAVE" measuring 1210 Sq.ft., of super built up area over the Schedule 'A' property, consisting of Two Bedrooms Flat, Kitchen, Vitrified flooring, Main Door finished with Teak Wood, Rooms and Bath Rooms doors are finished with flush Doors and connected with Electricity, Water and Sanitary along with One covered Car Parking slot in the basement floor, Lift, Generator, KEB connection, and all other facilities is bounded on the **East by: Falt No. B-001,West by: Flat No. B-005, North by: Falt No. B-003, South by: Common Area.**
12	**MR.ANANTHA RAJU S N MS. JAYAMALA N T 410700004154**	**22/09/2023**	**Rs.4610132.00** (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Ten Thousand And One Hundred Thirty Two Only)	**SCHEDULE PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of the Property in Eastern Portion of Site No. 61, formed out of in Sy. No. 11/1A,Katha No. 18, Presently comes under Jurisdiction of BBMP, BBMP Katha No. 43, situated at 3rd cross, Byraweshwar Nagar, Srigandadakavalu Village, Yeshawanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and site measuring East to West: 24 feet and North to South: 30 feet total measuring 720 Sq.ft., and bounded on: **East by: Private property, West by: Road and remaining portion of the property, North by: Site No. 60, South by: Site No. 62**
13	**MR. PRAMODH K 410600008085**	**17/10/2023**	**Rs.2910011.00** (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Ten Thousand Eleven Only)	**SCHEDULE "A":** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No. 40, situated at Doddabommanasandra Village, Ramachandrapura Gram Panchayat, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Now coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward No.10, and bearing BBMP Khata No. 1613/35/3-4/40, measuring East to West: 60 ft. And North to South: 40 ft. and bounded on the: **East by: Site No. 25 and 26, West by: 30 feet Road, North by: Site No. 39, South by: Site No. 41. SCHEDULE "B":** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No. 41, situated at Doddabommanasandra Village, Ramachandrapura Gram Panchayat, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Now coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward No.10, and bearing BBMP Khata No. 1612/35/3-4/41, measuring East to West: 60 ft. And North to South: 45 ft. and bounded on the: **East by: Site No. 24 and 25, West by: 30 feet Road, North by: Site No. 40, South by: 30 feet Road.** **SCHEDULE "C":** Undivided share of 300 Sq.ft. Situated at Balaji Sadan Apartment I.e. Schedule 'B' property mentioned above. **SCHEDULE "D":** All that piece and parcel of the Flat No. G-03, at Ground Floor, situated at Balaji Sadan Apartments, I.e., Schedule ''B" property mentioned above, being the undivided share of approximately 300 sq.ft., of the super built up area 1150 sq.ft., comprising one Hall, one Kitchen Two Bed rooms with one attached toilet and having Vitrified tiles flooring, duly fitted with all amenities including one separate Car Parking built on plot no. 40 and 41. and all common amenities and flat is bounded on: **East by: open to Sky, West by: Flat No. G-04, North by: Site No 40, South by: Open to Sky.**
14	**Mrs. Alavalapati Vennapusapalli Sudhamadhuri Mr. Alavalapati Srinivasreddy Vennapusapalli 411900011172**	**14.09.2023**	**Rs. 3866983.00** (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Sixty six thousand Nine Eighty three Only)	**SCHEDULE PROPERTIES: Prime Property:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No. 64, Property No. 739/64, Katha No. 840/739/64, Serial No. 840, formed in land in Sy No. 222/2, Conversion Order No. BDS/ALN/SR(A)9/03-04, dated 27.05.2003, passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, situated at Bommasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring East to West and North to South 26'+25'/2 X 40 feet, measuring 1020 SquareFeet and bounded as follows : **East by : Site bearing No. 63, West by : Private Property, North by : Site bearing No. 49, South by: Road. Collateral Loan 1, Sale Deed No. 7458/2011-12.** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No. 21, Katha No. 306/228/21/P formed out of converted land bearing survey no. 114, situated at Gokare Village, Kasba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet Totally 1200 Sq.Ft. and bounded on the : **East by: Site No. 19 & 20, West by: 30 Feet Road, North by: Site No. 22, South by: Land of Government School and Hostel. Collateral Loan 2. Sale Deed No. 7457/2011-12.** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No. 22, Katha No. 306/228/22/P formed out of converted land bearing survey no. 114, situated at Gokare Village, Kasba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet Totally 1200 Sq.Ft. and bounded on the : **East by : Site No. 19 & 18, West by : 30 Feet Road, North by : Site No. 23, South by: Site No. 21.**
15	**MS.PRIYADARSHINI S MR. RAVIKUMAR S 411600004544**	**04/11/2023**	**Rs.2660270.00** (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Only)	**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of land Site No. 47 House List Khatha No.225 situated at Horamavu Agara Village, Horamavu Agara Panchayath, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore measuring on East to West: 35 feet and North to South: 53 feet and measuring in total 1855 sq.ft and bounded on the: **East by: House Site No.49, West by : House Site No.45, North by: Road, South by: Private Property. SCHEDULE 'B PROPERTY: A 175 Sq.ft., Undivided share of right, title and interest and ownership in Schedule 'A' Property. SCHEDULE 'C PROPERTY":** Flat bearing No. 202 on the second Floor, of the building known as "CARMELTA CREST" and to be constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property, the subject apartment to be having living cum dining room, one (1) bedrrom, plus toilet and kitchen, measuring 650 Sq.ft., inclusive of proportionate area of common facilities like staircase, corridor, lift and all ground around the building etc. (RCC Roof, Vitrified tiles, Aluminum Windows, Teak Veneer Doors,. The Apartment as also its inner measurements are indicated in the floor plan. Car parking space No.202 in the basement and bounded on: **East by: Staircase and Lobby, West by: Open Space** **North by: Flat No.201, South by: Open Space.**
16	**MR. ALEX R 411500006722**	**30/10/2023**	**Rs.2192919.00** (Rupees Twenty one lakh ninety two thousand nine hundred nineteen only)	**SCHEDULE PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 256, situated at Khata No. 256/A, Vibhuthipura, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, now comes under the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike Limits, Bangalore measuring East to West: 14 feet and North to South: 28 feet in all 392 Sq.feet and bounded on: **East by: Road, West by: Property belongs to Vasudha, North by: Property belongs to Joseph, South by: Road.**
17	**Mr. Ravi Hampapura Puttegowda 411900016227**	**16.09.2023**	**Rs 2220015.00** (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Twenty Thousand And Fifteen Only)	**SCHEDULE PROPERTIES:** All that piece and parcel of Residential Plot bearing No.410, in a layout known as "Signature Tulips", formed out of Sy No.17, situated at Huskur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Converted vide official memorandum bearing No. ALN(E)VB/SR.209/2004-05, dated 22.09.2005, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and the Layout Plan is duly approved by the Joint Director & Member Secretary, Hoskote Planning Authority, Hoskote, measuring East to West: 60 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 2400Sq. Feet and bounded on: **East by: Site No.380, West by: Road, North by: Site No.411, South by: Site No.409.**
18	**Mr. Ramesh M 411600004241**	**26/09/2023**	**Rs.1965773.00** (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Three Only)	**SCHEDULE PROPERTY:** Western half portion of Site No. 8 being a part of the land in Sy. No. 11, of Attur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now within the limits of Greater Bangalore City Corporation, measuring East to West: 4.572 Meter Or 15 feet and North to South: 12.393 Meter Or 40.66-0 Feet total 610 Feet bounded on: **East by : Portion of the same property bearing No. 8(Eastern Part), West by : Site bearing No. 9, North by : Site bearing No. 25, South by: Road**
19	**Mr. Yogaraj 411900014346**	**15.09.2023**	**Rs. 1677425.00** (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Five Only)	**SCHEDULE PROPERTIES:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being Vacant residential Site bearing No.31, Khata No. 101,/2/31, formed converted Survey No's. 101/2, 101/3, Vide conversion Order No. ALN(EBK)CR/55/2014-15, dated 29.01.2015 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore situated at Bommanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, formerly Bangalore South Taluk, and measuring East to West: 46 feet and North to South 30 feet in totally measuring 1380 square feet, together with all rights, appurtenances in whatsoever manner whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: **East by : Site No. 14, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 30, South by: Road.**
20	**MR. KANNAN P MS. MAHESHWARI K 410400011234 & 410400011233**	**06/10/2023**	**Rs.12500167.00** (Rupees One Crore Twenty Five Lakh One Hundred Sixty Seven Only)	**SCHEDULE:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing BDA No. 55, Presently Municipal No. 43(old No. 55), PID No. 26-54-43, situated at 1st Main, 2nd Stage, Okalipuram, presently within the limits of BBMP ward No. 96, (old no. 26), Bangalore, measuring: **East to West : 25-0 (Twenty Five) Feet, North to South: 40-0 (Forty) Feet, In all measuring 1000 Sq.ft., and bounded on: East by: Property No. 56 West by: Property No. 54, North by: Road, South by: Property No. 82** Together with R.C.C. Roofed house measuring 700 Sq.ft. in the Ground Floor and 700 Sq. ft. in the Floor, constructed with brick and cement, jungle wood doors and windows, red-oxide flooring, together with all amenities.
21	**MR.CHANDRAMOULI RAJARAMAN 411900016018**	**25/10/2023**	**Rs.1444006.00** (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Forty Four Thousand Six Only)	**SCHEDULE PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.105, Khata No.505 measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet, in total measuring 1200 Square feet, carved out of the converted land bearing Sy.No.153/1 & 153/2, situated at Mandur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Vide conversion No. ALN.SR (S A) 109/1995-96, dated 24.06.1996 by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, in the Layout called as "A B D DOWN TOWN" at Bangalore and bounded on: **East by: Site No. 90, West by: 25 feet Road, North by: Site No. 104, South by: Site No. 106.**
22	**MR. TERENCE GERARD JEREMIAH 16061703290**	**09/10/2023**	**Rs. 1323270.00** (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Only)	**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No. 15, 17, 32 and 33, House List No. 732, V P Katha No. 132/16, 17, 32, 33 presently BBMP Katha No. 132/16,17, 32 and 33 (carved out of converted land bearing Sy,No.92/3, converted vide ALN.SR.1237/67-68, dated 08/05/1967), situated at Horamavu Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore measuring 5280 Sq.ft. and bounded on: **East by: Site No. 18 and 31, West by: Site No. 15 & 34, North by: Road, South by: Road. SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY:** 351.54 Sq.feet undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in the Schedule 'A' property. **SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY**: Flat bearing No. 303, in 3rd Floor, measuring 1535 Sq.ft. Super built up Area, containing Three Bed Rooms, with RCC Roofing, Mosaic Flooring and Honne Wood Doors and windows, together with One Car Parking Space including proportionate share in common area such as Passages, Lobbies, Staircase and Lift, to be constructed on Schedule 'A' property known as "S.R.HOMES".

Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

BEFORE THE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE JUNIOR DIVISION NO.2, AT TEZPUR

NOTICE TO APPEAR

Money Suit No. 40/2021

Plaintiff : State Bank of India

VERSUS

Defendant : Sri Rohit Kumar

Sri Rohit Kumar, S/o Sri Jaipal Singh, Village 45, Kalathur Layout, Near Gangamma Circle, P.O: Jalahalli, P.S. Gangamma gudi, District: Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560013.

WHEREAS the plaintiff bank has filed the above mentioned suit against you supported by an affidavit and documents annexed in the matter of recovery of money due against personal loan granted in favor of the defendant Rohit Kumar amounting to Rs 4,73,469.48 (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Nine) only with interest and cost.

You are hereby directed to appear in my court on 06.12.2023 personally or through a duly engaged lawyer at 10:00 AM. Herein fail not.

Given under my hand and seal of this court this 5th October, 2023.

Civil Judge Junior Division No.2,
Sonitpur, Tezpur.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to your notice that **Sri S.N Ravichandra,** R/at No. 609, 11th cross, 5th main, J.P. Nagar, 3rd phase, Bangalore-560 078 has misused the General power of attorney (GPA) dated 12-09-2011 issued by our client Smt. Priya Ravichandra, who is currently residing at No. D-1204, Vaishnavi Terraces, Dollars colony, J.P. Nagar Bangalore 560078 has cancelled the GPA dated 12-09-2011 vide legal notice dated 27-05-2022. Despite cancellation of the GPA dated 12-09-2011 vide her legal notice dated 27-05-2022, Sri S.N Ravichandra has transferred Priya Ravichandra's share of the Properties which are more fully described as Schedule A, B and C Properties herein below to himself by misusing the GPA dated 12.09.2011. It is hereby informed to the general public that the GPA dated 12.09.2011 is cancelled/revoked and Smt. Priya Ravichandra has a legal share over the Schedule A, B and C properties and any sale, gift, charge, lease, lien, mortgage or any transfer of interest of the Schedule A, B and C properties without Smt. Priya Ravichandra's consent is null and void.

SCHEDULE A PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST AND OWNERSHIP in the immovable Residential Property bearing Site No.609 (Six Hundred and nine), formed by the Bangalore Development Authority (B.D.A) situated at 11th cross, Sarakki III Phase, J.P.Nagar, Bangalore-560078 (Corporation Division No. 57) presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (B.B.M.P) and assigned the property as Municipal New No.609,at 11th Cross Road, 3rd Phase JP Nagar, Property I.D.(P.I.D.) No.57-159-609, together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface.

MEASURING :- East to West: 22.20 Meters North to South: 27.35 Meters,

Totally measuring: 607.17 Sq. Meters

and bounded on the: **East by**: Site No.610, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No. 586, **South by:** Road

SCHEDULE B PROPERTY

(Description of the Entire Property along with the apartment)

A Two Bedroom Apartment "ANUGRAHA" bearing Number 3-D with super built up area of 1220 sq. ft together with one car parking area in the basement floor, the apartment being situated on the second floor of the multistoried apartment building constructed on the description written hereunder;

MEASURING: East to West: 100 Feet North to South: (104'3" + 100'11")/2 Feet Totally: 10,250 Sq. Feet

Total area of 10,250 Square Feet bearing Survey No. 172/4, converted to non-agriculture residential purpose by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, through his official Memorandum No. B. Dis. ALN. SR(S) 7/96-97 dated: 16/07/1996, situated at Bilekahalli village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, having Madivala notified Area Khatha No.691/1/347/5, now called City Muncipal Council, Bommanahalli and bounded on the: **East by**: Land bearing No. 12 belonging to Sri. Gangadhar Hegde, **West by**: Property of Sri. G.G. Hegde, **North by**: Road leading to N.S. Palya Village, and **South by** :Land belonging to Sri. Nazeerulla Khan

Having the multistoried apartment complex built on it.

SCHEDULE 'C PROPERTY

(Description of the Entire Property along with the apartment)

A Two Bedroom Penthouse Apartment bearing No.A-502, Present BBMP Khatha No.3810/29/20/5/5+6F A502, constructed in the Fifth Floor and Sixth Floors of the Apartment Building complex known as "MANPHO PAVILION" constructed in the property described hereunder, having a super Built-up area of 1814 Square Feet (which is inclusive of balconies and proportionate share in the common areas and Club House) with One Stilt Car Parking Space, presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (B.B.M.P), Ward No.188 Bilekahalli.

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the Presidential Property bearing Survey No.20/5, situated at bilekahalli village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, in all measuring 28,462 Sq. Ft and bounded as follows: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Survey Number 20/5, **West by:** Survey Number 20/1, **North by:** Road Formed out of Survey No.20/5 and rajakaluve, **South by:** Survey No.20/6.

ANUPARNA BORDOLOI, Advocate
No.05, Jeevan Builing, Kumara Park East, Bangalore-560001.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, BANGALURU GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, II FLOOR, No. 4, RESIDENCY ROAD, BENGALURU: 560 025

FORM NO.16 [See Regulation 34(3)]

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE RECOVERY OFFICER – 2, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -2, BENGALURU

WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(See Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Other Financial Institutions ACT, 1993 r/w Rule 4 and 48 to51 of the II Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961)

RC No.659/2019 IN OA No.484/2017

Between Vijaya Bank (Now Bank of Baroda), H D Kote Branch

: Applicant/ Certificate Holder Bank

AND

1. **Sri. Lokesh D C, S/o. Chikkalingaiah,** No.2848, 4th Cross, 4th Main, Jayanagar, Mysuru-570014.
2. **Sri. Veeraswamy Reddy, S/o. Late Narasa Reddy,** No. 1112/3, FCI Main Road, Behind HP Gas Kadugodi, Bengaluru-560067.
3. **M/s. Thirumala Infra Projects Bengaluru Pvt Ltd,** No. 1112/3, FCI Main Road, Behind HP Gas Kadugodi, Bengaluru-560067. Rep by its Managing Director Sri. Veeraswamy Reddy S/o. Late Narasa Reddy Director - Sri Prashanth K V S/o. Sri. Veeraswamy Reddy

: Defendants/ Certificate Debtors

To, The Branch- In- Charge, Bank of Baroda, H D Kote Branch.

Whereas the above named Certificate Debtors were ordered by the Recovery Certificate No.659/2019 of this Tribunal passed on 07/06/2019 in O.A. No. 484/2017 to pay to the Certificate Holder Bank a sum of Rs. 44,92,309/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Three Hundred and Nine Only) along with current and future interest @ 12.40% floating + 2% p.a. compounded quarterly from the date of filing of OA i.e.20/04/2017 till realization in full, jointly severally and personally from the Certificate Debtors and whereas the said Certificate Debtors have not paid the said amount.

This is to command you to attach the immovable property of the said Certificate Debtors as set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed, and unless the certificate Debtors shall pay the above said sum and the costs of this attachment, to hold the same until further orders from the Recovery Officer.

You are further commanded to return this warrant on or before 15.07.2022 with an endorsement certifying the day on which and manner in which it has been executed, or why it has not been executed.

SPECIFICATION OF PROPERTY

SCHEDULE - A - PROPERTY All that piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing :

SL. NO	Residential property detail	Boundary		Location
1	Converted Sy No.33/3 Measuring 34 ¾ Guntas	East by	Land in Sy No.33/4	Jagadenahalli Village, Lakkuru Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District
		West by	Rural Road Sonnennahalli Border	
		North by	Land of Sy No.33/2	
		South by	Land belongs toSmt. Laxmamma	

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal at Bengaluru on this the 22nd day of June, 2022

SD/- Recovery Officer- 2
Debts Recovery Tribunal -2 Bengaluru.

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Phone: 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.2,65,91,563/- (Rupees Two Crore Sixty Five Lakh Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Three only)** as on **14-03-2023** together with further interest to be charged from **15-03-2023** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Santhosh Traders, No.115/1, 4th Main Road, APMC Yard, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore - 560022. No.2) Mr. S. Rajesh, S/o. Sukhraj, No.4/2, GB Lane, Cottonpet Cross, Bangalore - 560053. No.3) Mr. H. Sukhraj, S/o. Hastimal, No.4/2, GB Lane, Cottonpet Cross, Bangalore - 560053. No.4) Mrs. Nirmala S. Rajesh, W/o. Rajesh, No.4/2, GB Lane, Cottonpet Cross, Bangalore - 560053.**

Note : That our **054-Bengaluru-Sultanpet Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 501812080079836) dated **05-07-2021** requested by No.1 of you represented by Nos.2 & 3 of you as Partner for which Nos.2 & 3 of you stood as Co-Obligants for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.14,00,000/-** at a ROI of **13%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **03-11-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **14-03-2023** is **Rs.17,80,766/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **15-03-2023** till the date of realization.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mrs. Nirmala S. Rajesh, W/o. Rajesh)

All that piece and parcel of Southern Portion of the Property No.6/1, PID No.10-10-6/1, situated 2nd Cross, APMC Yard, Yeswanthpura, Bangalore, measuring : East to West : 30 ft, North to South : 27½ sq.ft. in all measuring 825 sq.ft. and bounded on the : East by : Link Road leading to APMC Yard, West by : APMC Retaining Wall, North by : Remaining Property of No.6, South by : Property belonging to APMC.

Reserve Price : Rs.65,00,000/-
(Rupees Sixty Five Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
27-12-2023	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Sultanpet Branch,** No.349, Komarala Towers, OTC Road, Chickpet Main Road, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560053. Telephone No.080-22870328, Cell No.9342874656.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Sultanpet Branch, No.349, Komarala Towers, OTC Road, Chickpet Main Road, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560053. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-22870328, Cell No.9342874656. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever- there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to Accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 02-12-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-3/F-62(12)/23-24/7023 Date:02.12.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP mode only)

KPTCL invites Bid against enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-3/23-24/EPR-01 Dated: 15.05.2023 for **"Providing Security Guards (Ex-Servicemen) for watch and ward duties at 220/66kV Sahakarnagar GIS-Call-2"** pertaining to BMAZ North Circle, Bengaluru. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging **on or after 04.12.2023** to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'e-Procurement KPTCL' or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl., Tr (M), BMAZ, North Circle, KPTCL, Office Complex, Ground Floor, A.R.Circle, Bengaluru-560 009

PUBLICATION CONTENT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

The office of the Additional Director General of Police (Crime and Railways), Gujarat State invites expression of interest from interested individuals / entities as consultant to submit their proposals for conceptualization, plan, design and execution of the project of **Centre of excellence for cybercrime, cybersecurity and cyber intelligence** to be set up by Gujarat Police for the purpose of tackling emerging challenges in cybercrime and cybersecurity.

Interested individuals / entities may submit their proposal on or before **20th December 2023 at adgp-crime@gujarat.gov.in**

Sd/-
Dr. S.P. Rajkumar
Addl. D.G. of Police,
CID Crime & Railways,
Gujarat State, Gandhinagar

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CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Phone: 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.2,28,64,055/- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Eight Lakh Sixty Four Thousand and Fifty Five only)** as on **30-11-2023** together with further interest to be charged from **01-12-2023** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Lakshmi Poultry Service, No.34/1, KKS Road, 5th Main, Sunrise Circle, Srirampuram, Bangalore - 560021. No.2) Mr. Velmurugan .K, S/o. V. Krishnan, No.34/1, 5th Main, KKS Road, Srirampuram, Bangalore - 560021. No.3) Mrs. Anusuya, W/o. Velmurugan .K, No.34/1, 5th Main, KKS Road, Srirampuram, Bangalore - 560021.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. Velmurugan .K, S/o. V. Krishnan)

All that piece and parcel of land and G + 3 RCC Residential-cum-Commercial Building situated at Old Nos. 60 and 61, formerly known as Hanumanthapura, 5th Cross, Srirampuram, presently bearing Municipal No. 34/1, 2nd Main Road, Srirampuram, Bangalore in Corporation Division No. 18 together with the structures thereon and more fully demarcated as HGKJH and FEMLF in the plan annexed hereto and measuring : East to West : 93 feet, North to South : 15 feet 3 inches. Door No.34/1, BBMP PID No.26-33-34/1. Bounded by : East by : Road, West by : Road, North by : M K Paragusam Property, South by : K. Yedugiri Nachiyar Property.

Reserve Price : Rs.1,80,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore Eighty Lakh only)

Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mr. Velmurugan .K, S/o. V. Krishnan)

All that piece and parcel of land and G + 1 RCC Residential-cum-Commercial Building situated at Municipal New No.34/4, PID No.26-33-34/4, Previously portion of Immovable Property bearing Old Nos.60 and 61, Present Municipal No.34/1, situated at Kranti Kavi Sarvagnya Road (Formerly 5th Main Road, Hanumanthpura, Srirampuram) Corporation Division No.18, BBMP Ward No.26, Bengaluru. Measuring : East to West 93 feet and North to South (14.5+15.0)/2 feet, in all 1,371.75 square feet and including 1/5th undivided right in the common passage and bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : Road, North by : Private Property and South by : Property belongs to Purchaser Sri K. Velmurugan.

Reserve Price : Rs.1,40,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore Forty Lakh only)

AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
12-01-2024	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Rajaji Nagar Branch,** No.1002/55, KRK Chambers, Ist Main, 4th Block, 80 Feet Dr. Rajkumar Road, Bengaluru - 560010. Telephone No.080-23155151, Cell Nos.9379757170, 9379101515.

Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Rajaji Nagar Branch, No.1002/55, KRK Chambers, Ist Main, 4th Block, 80 Feet Dr. Rajkumar Road, Bengaluru - 560010. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23155151, Cell Nos.9379757170, 9379101515. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the Sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bidsor postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 02-12-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

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The last date of submission of online application is 17.01.2024 (Wednesday) at 5:00 PM.

विज्ञापन सं:NCPOR/16/2023 Head (Administration)

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited

(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: - KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai-600031.
Tel : +91 44 4564 4000 | Fax: +91 44 4564 4022

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co-borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice	Property Address
1	22923783	Loan Against Property	1. Fazlur Rahaman Khan 2. Naveen Taj	18.11.2023	INR 17,10,046.38/-	**All That Piece and Parcel of** Residential Apartment Bearing No. S-1, Having Super Built Up Area of 1241 Sq. Ft., in 2nd Floor in The Building "Number Ten" Present Corporation No.18-10-5, Pid 50-74-18/10-5, Along with 5.13% (which Comes To 353 Sq. Ft., Lands Share) of Undivided Rights, Together With The Residential Home Standing Thereon Bearing Old No.18, New No.10, Common Use With One Covered Car Parking Space in The Basement Floor, Situated At Dr.omar Shesriff Road, Ward No.50 Of BBMP, Basavangudi, Bangalore-560 004, And **Bounded As: East:** Property No. 10/02, Belonging To Dr. Mohammed Omar Sheriff **West:** Property Bearing No. 11 **North:** Dr. Omar Sheriff Road **South:** Private Property
2	37939472	Home Loan	1. Rajesh J 2. Sathish J 3. Sathya Kumari G 4. Nirmala H	18.11.2023	INR 61,03,265.88/-	**All That Piece and Parcel of** Property Bearing Site No. 56, E-Property No.150200202800401641, V.P.Khatha No. 1264, in The Layout Formed By Sree Sathyanarayana Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sangha Niyamitha, at Land Bearing Sy No. 78, Situated at 1st Stage, 3rd Layout, Huskuru, Pillahalli Village Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Karnataka-562123, **Admeasuring East To West:** 30 Ft., and **North To South:** 58 Ft., Totally Measuring 1740 Sq. Ft., and **Bounded as Follows :- East:** Site No. 55 **West:** Site No. 57 **North:** Road **South:** Private Property

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)**. Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)

Date : 04.12.2023
Place : Bangalore

The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

H.O, No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018.
Phone 26677552, 26679041

POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
[APPENDIX IV (RULE 8(1)]

Where as the undersigned being the authorised officer of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstructionof Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest ACT 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules. at The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers in the following accounts having failed to repay the amount, notice is here by given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described here in bellow in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules on the dates mentioned herein below. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited for amount and interest on & other charges.

Date of Possession: 29.11.2023

Sl. No	Name of the Borrower/Surety & Description of the Property Mortgaged	Amount outstanding
1	**Applicants: Smt Jayalakshmi Manjesh & Sri.Manjesh Kumar C Surety: Smt Manjula C** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.7/8, PID No.68-69-7/8, situated at G.G.Road, Egipura, New BBMP Ward No.148, Bangalore, (old No.5/A, Assessment No.57/2B, Ward No.68), measuring on the East to West: 33'+39'/2 ft., and North to South: 66'+65'/2 ft., totally measuring 2358 Sq.ft., with constructed building theron and bounded on the East By: Government Road (Gundappa Gowda Road), West By: Property belonging to Sri.Chinnapullay, North By: Road, South By: R.A.Road.	**10,56,552/- + Int. thereon 29.11.2023**
2	**Applicant: Smt Nagalakshmi & Sri G.Eeranna, Surety: Smt Nirmala** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.72/3, & 72/4, present Municipal No.34 & 36, situated at 1st Cross, Harijana Colony, Division No.82, Ganganagar, Bangalore. measuring East to West: 30 ft., and North to South: 15 ft., totally measuring 450 sq.ft., now coming under the administrative jurisdiction of the BBMP having municipal No.36, PID No.98-160-36, New Ward No.20, Bangalore and bounded on East By: Private Property West By: Private Property North By: Krishnappa's Property South By: Road.	**19,43,666/- + Int. thereon 29.11.2023**
3	**Applicant: Sri. V.Shivarama Shetty, Surety: Smt Vinoda Shetty.** All that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential House property bearing No.10/C, (Ten sub C) Khatha No.20/A, situated at Sarakki Kere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore.560078. (within the limits of Bommanahalli CMC, now comes within BBMP) measuring on the East to West: 30 Ft., and North to South: 45 Ft., totally measuring 1350 Sq.Ft., and bounded as East By: 10 Feet Road, West By: 30 Feet Road, North By: 15 Feet Road & South By: Property belongs to Sri.S.A.Shekar Reddy. The built up area is 3268 Sq.Ft. constructed on Ground Floor 11 Squares, First Floor 11 Squares and Second Floor 10.68 Squares, constructed is made of bricks, in cement with RCC Roofing, Mosaic Flooring with Jungal Woods provide with ordinary normal facilities like electricity, water, sewage etc., as security for the loan.	**62,90,402/- + Int. thereon 29.11.2023**
4	**Applicant: Smt. Usha V & Sri Avinash V, Surety: Sri Deepak V** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.3/1, old No.73, situated at 1st Main A Street, Kuvempu Nagar, Bangalore. Earlier known as Kempapura Agrahara, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore BMP Ward No.42, Bapuji Nagar, PID No.42-70-3/1, measuring East to West: 9.0 ft., and North To South : 60.0 ft., totally measuring 540 sq.ft, and bounded on East By: Property of M.Abdul Rashid, West By: Property of Krishna Murthy, North By: A.Road & South By: Property of Poonam Timber.	**34,18,135/- + Int. thereon 29.11.2023**

Amount paid if any by any of the above borrowers after issuance of Possession Notice, would be reckoned for ascertaining the dues payable at the time of realisation / settlement.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,
Bangalore -18

Place: Bangalore
Date: 29.11.2023

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: **The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.**

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction)of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS "** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 29.11.2023	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last date TIME & Place for submission of Bid
1	46989440000303	1) Amanulla M, 2) Arshiya Banu	12.11.2022	30.09.2023	Rs.19,71,915/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Seventy One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen Only)	11.12.2023 Time: 9:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.13,24,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Only)	Rs.1,32,400/- (Rupees One Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Four Hundred Only)	21.12.2023 @ 02:00 PM	20.12.2023, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Head Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071
	Details of Secured Assets: Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of Sy.No.2/P1, situated at Vijayapura Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District. **East by:** Property of Sharapuddin, **West by:** Property of our, **North by:** Public Road, **South by:** Property of our. Measuring 0-0 3/4 % guntas. **Item No.2:** All that piece and parcel of Sy.No.2/P1,Situated ar Vijaya Pura Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District. **East by:** Property of Sharpuddin, **West by:** Property of our, **North by:** Public Road, **South by:** Property of our. Measuring 0-0 1/4 % guntas.									
2	34019630000321	1) Devraju B, 2) Mrs. Sumitharmma H	28.11.2022	07.10.2023	Rs.5,87,990.65/- (RupeesFive Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety and Sixty Five Paisa Only)	11.12.2023 Time: 9:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.16,69,000/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Only)	Rs.1,66,900/- (Rupees One Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Only)	21.12.2023 @ 02:00 PM	20.12.2023, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Head Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071
	Details of Secured Assets: All the peace and parcel of the Property bearing Vacant Site No.65, Khata No.260/65, E-Khata No.150300302300600117, East to West 9.144 Meter and North to South 12.192 Meter and Total Measuring 111.483000 Sq.meter, Situated at Maralenahalli Village, Anabe Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Dodaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, RCC House with Electricity and Water and **Bounded as follows: East by:** Site No.64, **West by:** Site No.66, **North by:** Site No.74, **South by:** Road.									

The properties are being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** & **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and the E-Auction will be conducted **'On Line'**. The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s. 4 Closure** at the web portal **https://bankauctions.in** & **www.foreclosureindia.com.** For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. 4 Closure; Contact Mr. Bhaskar Naidu Contact Number: 8142000809/ 8142000061. Email id: info@bankauctions.in** / **subbarao@bankauctions.in.**

For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact **Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob No.9590858249), Mr. Umesh (Mob No.8050149617) & Mrs. Syeda (Mob No.7400445147).** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 04.12.2023, Place: Bangalore & Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

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— Ramnath Goenka

HAUGHTY CONGRESS SQUANDERS INITIATIVE TO BJP AHEAD OF 2024

If the Congress picked up momentum months before the 2019 Lok Sabha elections by trouncing the BJP in the big Hindi heartland states of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, it got ejected from them this time around, dampening the party's say in the opposition INDIA bloc. In hindsight, had the Grand Old Party shed arrogance and given a few seats to allies like the Samajwadi Party, it would have been a force multiplier and possibly altered the dynamic in states like Madhya Pradesh. Kamal Nath was so overconfident that he did not think extensive campaigning by Priyanka and Rahul Gandhi was necessary. He is now licking his wounds.

Chhattisgarh was more of a surprise as the Congress was more than confident of retaining it. Loads of welfare schemes, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's soft Hindutva and the lack of credible leadership in the state BJP had, in his mind, made the election an open-and-shut case. Yet, anti-incumbency is a beast the Congress has not learnt to manage. Fresh corruption allegations by central law enforcement agencies against Baghel close to the polling date—on the Mahadev app scam—added to his discomfort. BJP's Raman Singh, pulled out of political wilderness at the last moment to lead the charge in Raipur, emerged victorious. In Rajasthan, no amount of papering over could hide the ugly factional feud between Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot. Sops such as free power, subsidised LPG refills and health insurance were not enticing enough for a repeat mandate. Goes to show the politics of giveaways alone cannot win elections—even in Telangana. Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra spent ample time in all three states but to no avail.

People instead reposed trust in Narendra Modi, who sought votes in his own name despite these being state elections. Matching the Congress guarantee for guarantee helped, as it knocked out the GOP's USP. Modi now holds the initiative in the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. The Telangana acquisition of the Congress was a phenomenal feat, but was overshadowed by the drubbing in the other three states. Telangana was gift-wrapped by pollster Sunil Kanugolu, who had worked in Karnataka earlier. What the Congress probably needs is humility and professional poll managers at the national level to function without interference to get its mojo back and stay afloat in the general elections.

POLL RESULTS GIVE EQUITY MARKETS A TIMELY BOOST

INDIAN equity markets are on a stronger pitch today. BJP's victory in three states and stronger economic numbers released last week will raise the hope of governance continuity at the Centre, too. Share markets like political predictability and the state results are going to reaffirm the probability of the BJP remaining in power at the national level for another five years. Unless there is too big an upheaval globally, the markets are set for a strong performance in the run-up to the general elections.

The jitters in the markets over political uncertainty ahead of the 2024 elections have now metamorphosed into confidence. The BJP not only managed to prise Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh from Congress hands, it retained Madhya Pradesh with a clear majority. Industry and the markets have historically preferred the BJP over other parties partly because they believe the BJP pursues fiscally responsible policies and favours market reforms. The fact that the people in three states rejected the Congress's promise of cheaper cooking gas, old pension plan and other populist measures raises the markets' hope that the country would not walk the path of fiscal profligacy. The government's policies have, so far, proved to be on point as the economy has managed to do reasonably well and some of its challenges have dissipated.

India is one of the fastest growing economies in the world, with the GDP growing at 7.7 percent in the first half of the year. The country's purse is in a better shape with the fiscal deficit expected to come down to 5.7 percent by the end of 2023-24. The twin balance-sheet issues are behind us for now and the latest macro numbers showed that private investments might finally have begun to kick in. The equity markets will take faith in these and also in the fact that foreign portfolio investors may have to come back to gain from the country's strong economic performance. The slowing down of China makes India an even more attractive investment destination. The markets had started showing an upbeat mood even ahead of the state election results. The Nifty has already regained the 2,000 levels. In the next few months, both the Nifty and Sensex would be looking at crossing a few more milestones.

QUICK TAKE

HEED THE SILENT WAR TOO

WHILE the world rants about death and displacement in Gaza, two silent scourges are ravaging the entire occupied Palestinian territories. The WHO now estimates that diseases may eventually kill more Palestinians than bombs. Lack of clean drinking water and tonnes of rubble everywhere are playing havoc with the health of Palestinian kids, who make up half of Gaza's population. Meanwhile, the ILO says that almost 400,000 Palestinians in the West Bank have lost their jobs, as Israel has restricted cash transfers to the Palestinian Authority while it pursues collective punishment of the entire population. India and Arab nations that have already sent some humanitarian help need to increase their efforts manifold right now.

The BJP masterfully managed an array of micro weapons to snatch victory. While the Grand Old Party fell on its sword of hubris

THREE-PIECE SUITE AND A GLASS QUARTER FULL

SANTWANA BHATTACHARYA, Editor

SOURAV ROY

NEITHER arrogance nor complacency is a virtue when it comes to power, but there's a difference between the two. The first can be sustained, at least for a duration, if one has enough boots on the ground. The second is outright folly under all circumstances. The four state election results today—with a stunning 3-1 'upset' win for the Modi dispensation—give us a chance to see this not for its value as some moral abstraction but as an active ingredient that shapes concrete political reality. The phrase 'upset' win may be pardoned, if only because it would have left quite a few people upset! They would do better to spend time in introspection.

This is a good time to scrawl together a psychological pen-sketch of India's two big national parties. The BJP may never be deemed entirely blame-free on the count of arrogance, but it rarely, if ever, errs on the side of complacency. Yes, it is infinitely resourceful now: it knows how to generate megawatts of power from both mainstream and alternative fuels. But more crucially, having had to work for decades to get where it has, it knows how crucial it is to guard the flame and never eases its eternal vigil.

The Congress, by contrast, still exhibits residues of entitlement as it snatches defeat from the jaws of victory. Complacency may seem a harsh word for a party that's indeed trying to turn a new leaf, but look beneath the top veneer of earnest diligence, and one sees that down the line it's still the natural reflex to take power as a given, even a birthright, sometimes so much it begins to emit flashes of arrogance before having anything to be arrogant about. That makes it less than nimble whenever it comes into a contest from a position of some strength.

And these elections were unusual in that, after a long time, the Congress went up against the BJP with odds that were equal if not on its side. These results could have theoretically gone 4-0 in its favour, certainly 3-1, and at least 2-2. The BJP has upended those expectations with an emphatic sweep in its core northern heartland. Almost as if to underline a regional contrast, the Grand Old Party's consolation came in the South, with the Karnataka effect spreading to a full-blown renaissance in Telangana, a state it had helped create before vanishing without a trace for a decade.

The imminence of that last victory ironically became a factor for the GOP's wipeout in the north. Enthused by the perceptible wave on the ground in Telangana, its leadership concentrated most of its energies in harvesting that bounty. That has conclusively ended the KCR era and all eyes will now be on the new strongman, Revanth Reddy. But in the process, it left the northern fields fallow. And there, an array of micro elements were harnessed masterfully by the BJP even as the Congress, at various levels, behaved almost as if victory was a certainty. If seen through the lens of party psychology, there are no surprises. All other variables taken as equal, everything comes down to innate nature.

The results do present us with a hierarchy of surprises. Chhattisgarh is the biggest one. Bhupesh Baghel wasn't disliked as chief minister, there was no anti-incumbency wave, and the BJP didn't even project a strong alternative face. When the votes started coming in, everyone was in disbelief that the electorate had not gone for continuity. What turned things is the movement of the OBC vote, particularly that of the Sahu community, and that of the tribal belt, both Bastar in the south and Surguja in the north. The X-factor no one counted was the alliance between the Bahujan Samaj Party and the Gondwana Gantantra Party that sliced a crucial percentage of the Dalit-Adivasi vote away from the Congress.

In a largely bipartisan contest, one tends to overlook the minutiae. But they were a crucial determinant of outcomes in Rajasthan too, as shown by the robust numbers in the 'Others' column—BSP again among them. If the scale of the BJP's victory looks like a surprise in an election that could have gone either way, it's only because even two months ago Ashok Gehlot was in with a good chance to buck the three-decade trend of pendulum voting. Put it down to hubris. If professional internal surveys had successfully guided candidate selection in Karnataka, the Rajasthan CM chose to ignore that feedback, trust his own intuition and largely repeat his band of merry loyalist MLAs. Reason? Nothing more exalted than a satrap's pride in his own factional clout. Specifically, his cussedness on Sachin Pilot, the face of the generational change that he thwarted a second time last year when he could have gracefully gone on to bigger things. His vanity proved bigger than his welfarism.

But if one has to see generosity of spirit going AWOL as soon as the Congress whiffs power, look no further than Madhya Pradesh. Asked about the Samajwadi Party's grouse about not being given enough seats, its CM face Kamal Nath had infamously said: *"Arrey bhai chhodo, Akhilesh-Vakhilesh"* (loosely translated in spirit, 'Don't mention trifling things like Akhilesh Yadav, have other things to do'). That has poisoned the 2024 waters for the entire INDIA bloc, with the bitterness spreading to Uttar Pradesh.

The man who held on, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the affable 'Mamaji' of millions, is not only a rare fifth-time winner. His presence is emblematic of the BJP's rich armoury. The party's formidable war machinery is composed of many parts. The gladiatorial persona of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a warhead if there was one, with Home Minister Amit Shah playing the radar that reads the battleground and makes subtle adjustments in direction of deployment. The RSS, with its exhaustive ground connect, indispensable in core Hindutva states like Madhya Pradesh, where it apparently pulled out all the stops. And strong regional leaders like Chouhan, whose 'Laadli' scheme endeared him to the women voters, and Vasundhara Raje in Rajasthan, the strike rate of whose loyalists is not insignificant. The party betrays a certain ambivalence towards its second rung, and we may see that playing out in the selection of chief ministers. The scale of victory papers over it for now, but a careful curation of leadership will be vital for its future.

HOW KARMABAI COPED WITH LIFE'S TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

ENCOURAGED by your response to the stories of Surdas, Eknath and Tukaram, I would like to retell the tale of Karmabai of Puri, which derives partly from the 18th century book of saints, *Bhakta Vijaya*.

Karmabai lived in the early 17th century. She had an enchanted childhood and eventually her parents married her off.

Life was blissful for Karmabai in her new home and one day she discovered that she was pregnant. When she was about three months along, her husband Dhunu went on some work to a nearby town but failed to return. A bullock cart trailed the next day bearing his corpse. Dhunu had been gored by a rogue bull and bled to death overnight. Karmabai's safe little world lay in ruins.

"Dear Lord Jagannath, I wish to die, too. But I have to live for my baby's sake," she resolved, wiping away her tears. Her in-laws were numb with shock and Karmabai discovered that she was the only active person in the house.

When Karmabai delivered a fine baby boy, her in-laws named their grandson Raghu. Sixteen happy years went by in the joy of motherhood. The in-laws died but Karmabai was now a woman used to dealing with difficulties. There was enough money to keep her home in good repair, buy new clothes for Deepavali and feed Raghu well.

A strong, pure happiness filled Karmabai's days again, and she thanked Lord Jagannath for it. She found the ideal bride for Raghu in Lakshmi, a girl with a sunny, cheerful nature. Karmabai made a daughter of her and was well repaid with obliging and affectionate behaviour.

When Lakshmi discovered that she was pregnant, Karmabai floated on her feet with joy. But their happiness was doomed. One terrible afternoon, Raghu was brought in dead with his neck broken. He was a carpenter and had fallen from a high roof beam. Raghu's death shattered Karmabai's life all over again. But who would look after Lakshmi if she failed her? Lakshmi, lost in grief, lacked no attention that a caring, loving mother could provide. When a grandson arrived, they named him 'Vishnu' in honour of Lord Jagannath.

Karmabai's love for lost Dhunu and Raghu lent even greater fervour to every motherly thing she did for Vishnu. But Lakshmi went into a catastrophic decline from grief and passed away one chilly monsoon night. Karmabai was back against the wall again with a baby to bring up by herself. "Oh Lord Jagannath, when will you stop testing me?" she cried in anguish but received no answer that she could hear. She devoted herself to raising Vishnu tenderly as though he were a little godling. But one day, Vishnu swam too far and drowned in the sea.

This blow completely stunned Karmabai. Her valiant heart was finally shattered and she could not stop weeping. Her neighbour suggested that she start taking in temporary lodgers from the pilgrim traffic that besieged holy Puri.

EXPRESS

Karmabai's life was blissful in her in-laws' home. But one day when she was three months pregnant, tragedy hit: a bullock cart trailed in bearing her husband's corpse

Lodgers began to arrive in ones and twos and one week, a band of saintly Vaishnava travellers arrived. After dinner, the leader looked compassionately at Karmabai.

"What troubles you, daughter?" he asked in a gentle voice.

Karmabai's composure shattered at his kind tone. She poured out her tragic tale, choking on sobs. "Daughter, you are a brave, good woman. Now trust in God to show you the way forward," said the leader. He took out a small image of Krishna as the baby butter-thief, from his cloth bag.

"Treat this image as your child, and serve the Lord as devotedly as you did your family. Continue being kind to all. Then see how you feel about life after some time."

After this, it is safe to say that Karmabai went divinely crazy. She needed to show her love in a thousand little practical acts of caring, for that had been her way her entire life. She began to treat the little image as if it were a real, live baby. She bathed it in warm water, dressed it in scraps of soft cloth and mashed soft rice in buttermilk for the baby to eat. It renewed her to have something to think of beyond her daily needs.

And this is where the legend of Karmabai takes over. The belief goes that the Lord grew used to being pampered by Karmabai. This belief comes from the emotional logic that as we see God, so we receive God. Draupadi saw Krishna as her best friend. Karmabai saw Krishna as her own little baby and that is how she took part in God's divine nature of being all things to all people.

One morning, Karmabai was a little slow in her daily chores and was late with Baby Krishna's breakfast. The Lord, goes the story, began to feel 'hungry'. This was his *lila* or the games he played with devotees. So, he whispered to a priest at Jagannath's temple, "Tell Karmabai to feed me."

Being a staunch devotee, the priest took the message seriously as the Lord's command, and proceeded to Karmabai's house, gathering an ever-ready crowd as he went.

"Karmabai! Why have you not fed the Lord yet?" he demanded to know as soon as he entered. Greatly surprised that he knew, Karmabai rushed to make the Lord's plate ready. To the disbelief and joy of everyone there, the buttermilk and rice slowly vanished bit by bit from the plate. A great cheer broke out and crying 'Joi Jagannath!' everyone fell at Karmabai's feet. She became a saint that very moment. Even today, the annual Rath Yatra or chariot procession of the Lord stops at Karmabai's memorial in respect.

What of Karmabai, though? The miracle of the Lord's love as made outwardly known was a great thing. But it was the inner miracle of overcoming devastating loss through the habit of love that Karmabai cherished. She spent her remaining years doing good deeds for the pilgrim community and died peacefully at a ripe old age.

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Arduous airports

Ref: *Plane truths making flyers weep* (Dec 3). Prabhu Chawla's article is apt and timely. One aspect all of us forget is the modification of airports. In the name of shopping, modernity and comfort, the commuting time from the 'arrival main gate' to the 'departure main gate' has increased. For business travellers and transit travellers, huge airports with shopping malls are not a necessity. It's more of a bane than a boon. I hope the article really nudges authorities to make the necessary corrections.
Kamesh Sharma, email

Flying truths

Prabhu Chawla's article has exposed the reality of the aviation sector, which loots passengers through exorbitant fares and provides hopeless service. The government is a mute spectator.
A K Varma, email

Comfortable uniforms

Ref: *On identity, comfort and uniforms* (Dec 3). I couldn't agree more with the writer that a necktie is a source of discomfort for school kids. The safest and easiest option is to create smart uniforms *sans* ties.
N Rama Rao, Chennai

Democracy down

Ref: *Voter agency in assembly polls is a win for democracy* (Dec 2). The ground reality remains unchanged. Basic necessities such as employment, health facilities, education, safety and security are not in a desirable state. The perfunctory attitude of elected representatives across parties continues. There is no resolve and vision to achieve the aspirations of the citizenry and usher in development and prosperity. Instead, petty welfarism prevails. This is the utter defeat of the intended goal of democracy.
A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad

Vaishali's victory

Ref: *Grand achievement* (Dec 3). That both brother and sister have achieved the title of Grandmaster is a first in chess. Vaishali has come out of the shadow of her famous brother. Kudos to the parents, who gave it their all despite hailing from a very humble background. The siblings' success story is an inspiration to young children across India.
Bal Govind, Noida

Respect others

Ref: *Money does not make one better* (Dec 3). This is an eye-opener to people who have haughty tempers due to their social and financial status. Writer Sathya Saran, through a simple incident, brings out the necessity of treating everybody equally irrespective of status.
Jayaraman, Chalakudi

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POST OF THE DAY

Narendra Modi @narendramodi

We bow to the Janta Janardan. The results indicate that the people of India are firmly with politics of good governance and development, which the BJP stands for.

NOTA

1.26% C'garh | 0.98% Madhya Pradesh | 0.96% Rajasthan

While addressing euphoric BJP workers, PM takes on Oppn on caste census and says people have defeated its 'all-out attempts to divide the country'

THIS HATTRICK OF VICTORIES A GUARANTEE FOR '24: MODI

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

DELIGHTED over BJP's victory in the Hindi heartland, PM Narendra Modi on Sunday asserted that the BJP-led NDA will do a hat-trick in 2024 too. "Today's hat-trick has given the guarantee for the hat-trick in 2024. The voters of India know what works for the betterment of the nation," said Modi.

Hailing his party's performances, he said the BJP does not make empty promises, rather it ensures delivery and performance. The victory of BJP in three states has come as a victory of an idea of 'Sab ka saath, Sab ka vikas'.

He termed the party victory as the victory of the poor, farmers, women and the youth who are determined to make Bharat a 'viksit-rashtra' (developed nation).

The PM was addressing party workers at the BJP headquarters. He attacked the Congress and its allies associated with INDIA by referring to them as a "ghamandia gathbandhan) and accused the Congress of keeping the youth, farmers, poor families and women deprived of their right to development.

In apparent reference to the rising voices for a caste census and its backdrop, Modi said, "Some people made all-out attempts recently during the elections to divide the country into castes. But the people did not allow them. For me, only four castes exist – the poor, Nari Shakti (women's power), Yuva-Shakti (youth power) and farmers. We are leaving no stone unturned to ensure their development."

Modi said the results of the polls have started a flow of positive energy and its power has further strengthened the foundation prepared for a developed India.

He asked the Congress and its allies in the Opposition not to spread negative politics. "In the interest of democracy, I have one more advice to the Congress and its allies: Please don't do politics which is anti-national; which works to divide and weaken the country. Otherwise, the people will oust you from politics," he said.

He said Sunday's results were a lesson for those created hurdles in the path of development of the poor, who obstructed the welfare schemes. "Stop all this, otherwise the people will remove you one by one," the PM warned.

Going hammer and tongs against the INDIA bloc, Modi sought to place BJP's victories before the 'ghamandia-gathbadhhan' (egoistic alliance). "The lesson is that the country's trust cannot be won just by a few family members coming together on stage," he said, attacking dynastic politics.

DECIDE

The long & short of it

Going hammer and tongs against the INDIA bloc, PM Modi sought to place the victories of BJP before the 'ghamandia-gathbadhhan' (egoistic alliance). He also took a swipe at former Congress government in Rajasthan, Telangana and Chhattisgarh, saying that dissatisfaction among the youth over paper leaks and recruitment scams led to the ouster of governments in these states. He also said the voters now know when India progresses, the state progresses and the life of every family improves.

> These elections have made it clear that there is only one guarantee in the country, that is Modi's guarantee
>
> JP Nadda, BJP president

> Exactly 20 years ago, the Congress had lost state elections in Chhattisgarh, MP and Rajasthan, while winning only Delhi. But within a few months, it bounced back and went on to emerge as the single largest party in the LS polls and formed govt at the Centre
>
> Jairam Ramesh, Congress leader

> These election results underline the need for the secular forces to redouble their efforts in defence of people's livelihood and the secular democratic character of the Indian republic
>
> Sitaram Yechury, CPI(M) Secretary-General

Exit polls

With the Assembly election results throwing up surprises, most exit polls, barring three, got the outcome in Chhattisgarh and the scale of the BJP's win in Madhya Pradesh wrong. Many pollsters, however, got their prediction for the Telangana and Rajasthan polls right.

EVM cry

After Congress' defeat in 3 states, party leader Udit Raj on Sunday sought to put the blame on EVMs. "Something must have happened with the EVMs, or such a result was not expected," he said on X. "After today's results, it seems that it is difficult for democracy to survive," said the Dalit leader, who was earlier a BJP MP from Delhi.

THE BIG PICTURE

638 TOTAL NO OF SEATS

MADHYA PRADESH: **230**
RAJASTHAN: **199**
CHHATTISGARH: **90**
TELANGANA: **119**

CLASH OF TITANS Number of seats won by BJP and Congress in states

BJP ● CONGRESS ● OTHERS

MADHYA PRADESH		RAJASTHAN		CHHATTISGARH		TELANGANA	
BJP	163	BJP	115	BJP	54	BJP	64
Congress	66	Congress	66	Congress	35	Congress	39
Others	1	Others	15	Others	1	Others	16

VOTE PERCENTAGE (AGAINST 2018 FIGURES)

MADHYA PRADESH	RAJASTHAN	CHHATTISGARH	TELANGANA
48.55% (41.02%)	41.69% (38.77%)	46.27% (33%)	13.90% (6.98%)
40.40% (40.89%)	39.53% (39.30%)	42.23% (43%)	39.40% (28.43%)

POLL TRIVIA

- Madhya Pradesh had the highest number of candidates, electors, constituencies and polling stations
- The Mewar region, with 35 assembly seats, proved to be instrumental for the BJP in wresting Rajasthan from the Congress
- Markets are expected to react positively to BJP's big victory in three states; experts are keeping an eye on the RBI interest rate decision
- In a pioneering effort in Kanker, Chhattisgarh, a Rainbow Model polling station was established in the Pakhanjur area, known for having the largest population of voters in the third gender category
- For the first time since gaining independence, polling stations were established in 126 villages across seven districts affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE) in the Bastar division of Chhattisgarh
- In Rajasthan, students set up booths showcasing the cultural heritage of the state, featuring elements such as traditional cuisine, Geographical Indication (GI) tagged products, wildlife and historic forts
- In Telangana, there are four Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Communities, namely Chenchu, Kolam, Thoti and Kondareddy. The combined eligible voter count among these four PVTG groups was 39,186. Thanks to the dedicated initiatives of the Election Commission of India, a comprehensive effort was made to facilitate voting within the tribal communities, resulting in 100 per cent enrollment among these communities
- Several posts on X spoke about an alleged North-South divide among voters, triggering a massive debate
- Jyotiraditya Scindia responded to Priyanka Gandhi's 'height' jibe, stating, "Someone spoke about my height. The people of Gwalior-Malwa have shown how tall they are."
- The 'panauti' label resurfaced, targeting Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, as the party lost in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh. The hashtag #PanautiRahul trended on X (formerly Twitter)

PM Narendra Modi being greeted by supporters as he arrives to attend the BJP's victory celebrations in New Delhi on Sunday | PARVEEN NEGI

Cong admits defeat, says will continue 'battle of ideology'

PARVEZ SULTAN @New Delhi

ACKNOWLEDGING its crushing defeat in three states—Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh—the Congress stated that these are 'temporary setbacks,' and 'the battle of ideology would continue.'

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge resolved to rebuild and revive the party's fortune in the three states. "I thank the people of Telangana for the mandate we have received from them. I also thank all those who voted for us in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan. Our performance in these three states has, no doubt, been disappointing, but with determination, we reaffirm our strong resolve to rebuild and revive ourselves in these three states," he posted on 'X'. He, however, added that the Congress party had fought a spirited campaign in all four states. "I acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of lakhs of our workers. We will overcome temporary setbacks and prepare ourselves fully for the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections along with the INDIA parties," he also wrote.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi thanked the people of Telangana. "We humbly accept the mandate of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Rajasthan; the battle of ideology will continue," he wrote on X.

The party's general secretary in-charge of communications, Jairam Ramesh, expressed hope to perform better in the general elections next year.

INDIA bloc allies bash Cong for 'ignoring coalition dharma'

PARVEZ SULTAN @New Delhi

FOLLOWING a rout in three key states, Congress on Sunday was at the receiving end as the member of the INDIA bloc, which slammed the party for ignoring them during assembly elections.

Terming the rout of the Congress in Hindi heartland a 'lesson' to 'secular democratic', the Left parties on Sunday called for re-strengthening of efforts to unite opposition parties. CPI general secretary D Raja said that unity is the only way to defeat BJP and the Congress must be accommodative.

CPIM general secretary Sitaram Yechury said that the results underline the need for the secular forces to redouble their efforts in defence of people's livelihood and the secular democratic character of the Indian republic.

CPI MP Binoy Biswam said that the outcome of assembly elections results would have been different if the grand old party had honoured the 'spirit and politics' of the coalition.

Expressing concern over Congress' behaviour during the elections, NC vice-president and former J&K CM Omar Abdullah said that if the situation of alliance remains the same, coalition members wouldn't be able to survive. "If the situation of the INDIA bloc remains the same in future like it has been in the state elections, perhaps, we will not be able to save ourselves. The Congress could not understand the ground situation in MP," he said.

CHHATTISGARH

On road to Raipur, BJP makes a clean sweep of tribal belts

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

A MYTH that the gateway to power in Chhattisgarh is via tribal-dominated Bastar region with 12 seats in the south and Sarguja division in the north having 14 constituencies prevailed.

BJP didn't have a single MLA either in Bastar or Sarguja. Congress was taken aback following the saffron party securing an overwhelming tribal support and won all 14 seats in Sarguja and 8 in Bastar. Chhattisgarh's conflict-ridden Bastar zone created a record turnout of voters at 78 per cent this time.

For the political parties in Chhattisgarh, the tribal-dominated regions often remained in focus as they constitute around 31 per cent of the state's population. The state has 29 reserved scheduled tribe seats.

The star campaigners of both the BJP and the Congress party made last ditch efforts to woo the tribal voters in reserved scheduled tribe constituencies through political rallies or their different yatras.

As the mass contact programmes, the ruling Congress had organised 'Bharose Ki Sarkar', 'Bhent Mulakat' and 'Bharose Ki Yatra' in tribal belts. Besides, various welfare programmes were announced for the tribal communities in an election year. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's accusation against BJP of snatching tribals' rights didn't win the support of the adivasi communities.

The BJP attempted to reach out to the tribal communities through their 'Maha Jan Sampark' programme, both in Bastar and Sarguja regions. Two 'Parivartan Yatra' of the BJP commenced from tribal dominated Dantewada (south Bastar) Jashpur (north-east of Raipur) in September this year and eventually covered 87 assembly constituencies travelling 2989 km with a mission to dislodge the "corrupt Congress regime".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his party's campaign in the state alleged that the Congress neglected tribal legacy and deprived them of development. According to political experts, the BJP's Lok Sabha poll prospects in the state might be impacted if it does not move swiftly to implement the promises made during the assembly elections.

> I accept this result with my head bowed. There is satisfaction in the fact that in the last 5 years, I have fulfilled every promise made, tried to give more than the promise and served C'garh Mahtari to the best of my ability
>
> Bhupesh Baghel, CM

> The flag of BJP is flying on the ground of Chhattisgarh, now together we have to bring the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji to the ground in Chhattisgarh
>
> Dr Raman Singh, Ex-CM

Quitting time

Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel resigned on Sunday night after the Congress lost power to the BJP in the assembly polls. The Congress leader had emerged victorious in the Patan assembly seat, defeating BJP candidate Vijay Baghel by 19,723 votes.

PIC: PARVEEN NEGI

REGIONWISE BREAK-UP

BJP ■ CONGRESS ■

1 RAIPUR	2 DURG	3 SARGUJA (NORTH)	4 BILASPUR	5 BASTAR (SOUTH)
20 TOTAL SEATS	20 TOTAL SEATS	14 TOTAL SEATS	24 TOTAL SEATS	12 TOTAL SEATS
BJP: 12	BJP: 10	BJP: 14	BJP: 10	BJP: 8
Congress: 8	Congress: 10	Congress: 0	Congress: 13	Congress: 4

ONLY ONE SEAT WON BY GONDWANA GANTANTRA PARTY (PALI TANAKHAR SEAT IN BILASPUR REGION)

PROMINENT winners & losers

CONGRESS

- BHUPESH BAGHEL (Patan)
- CHARANDAS MAHANT (Sakti)
- UMESH PATEL (Kharsia)
- KWASI LAKHMA (Konda)
- TS SINGHDEO (Ambikapur)
- MOHAMMED AKBAR (Kawardha)
- RAVINDRA CHOUBEY (Saja)
- AMARJEET BHAGAT (Sitapur)
- JAISINGH AGRAWAL (Korba)
- SHIV DAHARIYA (Arang)

BJP

- RAMAN SINGH (Rajnandgaon)
- ARUN SAO (Lormi)
- RENUKA SINGH (Bharatpur-Sonhat)
- GOMTI SAI (Pathalgaon)
- RAMVICHAR NETAM (Ramanujganj)
- VISHNUDEO SAI (Kunkuri)
- BRIJMOHAN AGRAWAL (Raipur-south)
- DHARAMLAL KAUSHIK (Belha)
- VIJAY BAGHEL (Patan)
- NARAYAN CHANDEL (Janjgir-Champa)

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	27	Mumbai	35	29
Bhopal	43	28	Panaji	32	28
Jaipur	41	30	Patna	41	27
Amritsar	40	23	Lucknow	42	27
Chennai	39	30	Port Blair	34	28
Kolkata	36	26	Imphal	23	18
Srinagar	18	08	Chandigarh	42	23

AT A GLANCE

2.8 CR Male electors

2.7 CR Female electors

5.6 CR Total electors

* Includes third gender, service electors

LOTUS BLOOMS, KAMAL WITHERS

BJP's longest serving chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan beats more than 18 years of anti-incumbency to turn the tide in favour of the saffron party

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

BUCKING the anti-incumbency of over 18 years largely with the power of the Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana, the ruling BJP retained power in Madhya Pradesh, defeating the Congress by over 90 seats on Sunday. The BJP which went into the polls without a CM-face, despite its longest serving chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan heading the government, had either won or was leading in 163 out of the total 230 seats against the Kamal Nath-led Congress, which could either win or was leading on just 66 seats, till filing of this report. The simple majority figure in the 230-strong Vidhan Sabha is 116.

While Chouhan credited the success to PM Modi's leadership, Kamal Nath took responsibility for the party's dismal showing. Another senior Congress leader and MP Vivek Tankha said, "I was surprised how a strong public mood for change didn't turn into decisive vote for the Congress in the polls." The BSP, which had won two seats in the 2018 polls with 5.01% votes, drew a blank in terms of seats with just 3.40% votes, while new entrant Bhartiya Adivasi Party won one seat in Ratlam district.

The resounding victory was BJP's third best performance since 2003 (when the Uma Bharti-led party had returned to power after 10 years with 173 seats against Congress's 38 seats) and the 2013 polls when the BJP led by Chouhan had retained power with 165 seats against Congress's 58 seats.

Prominent BJP leaders who won the polls, included Chouhan (he won from his home seat Budhni for the sixth time), BJP national general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya from Indore-1 seat, Union ministers Prahlad Singh Patel, Narendra Singh Tomar and MPs, Rao Udai Pratap Singh, Riti Pathak and Rakesh Singh. Eight-time MLA from Rehli seat and senior-most minister in the state Gopal Bhargava won for the ninth time.

However, two of the eight BJP heavyweights, including Union minister Faggan Singh Kulaste and fourth-time MP Ganesh Singh, lost from Niwas-ST and Satna seats, respectively. At least 12 ministers either lost the polls or were trailing till filing of the report. They included home minister Narottam Mishra and others, among them industry minister Rajyavardhan Singh Dattigaon, animal husbandry minister Prem Patel, backward welfare minister Gaurishankar Bisen, rural development minister Mahendra Singh Sisodia, agriculture minister Kamal Patel, cooperatives minister Arvind Singh Bhadoria lost the polls. Junior ministers who lost the polls included Bharat Singh Kushwah, Suresh Rathkheda, Ramkishor Kanware, Rahul Singh Lodhi (Uma Bharti's nephew) and Ramkhelawan Patel. In the 2018, 13 ministers of the Chouhan government had lost the polls.

Kamal Nath won by over 36,000 votes from his pocketborough Chhindwara. Several ministers of the erstwhile Kamal Nath-led government who either lost the polls or were trailing, included Harsh Yadav, Jitu Patwari, Sajjan Singh Verma, Dr Vijaylaxmi Sadho and Priyavrat Singh.

DECIDE

QUOTE UNQUOTE

SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN TO THIS PAPER

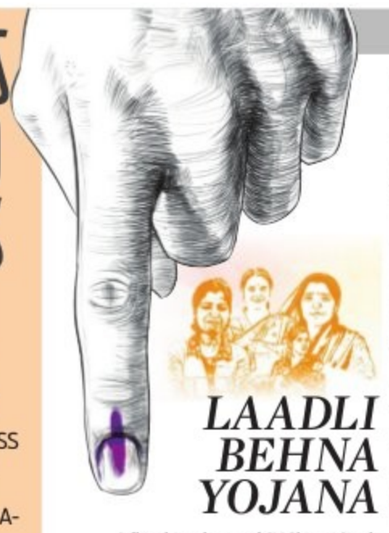
Our beloved PM is deeply rooted in the hearts of the people... People-centric policies of the double-engine government led to this performance. Ladli Behana Yojana scheme too benefited all

I never saw a close battle or anti-incumbency. I was confident about a huge win. Some tried to create anti-incumbency fear

No one among us decides our future.... We are paty workers and whatever duty is assigned to us, we religiously perform it

FACTORS BEHIND BJP'S WIN

- LADLI BEHNA SCHEME AND A FEAR OF CONGRESS STOPPING THE SCHEME. CM CHOUHAN'S MAMA-BHAIYA IMAGE AMONG WOMEN VOTERS
- Inherent Hindutva undercurrent and announcement on Ram temple opening in Ayodhya
- EXTENSION OF FREE RATION UNDER GARIB KALYAN YOJNA BY 5 YEARS
- Focused tribal-centric initiatives ranging from implementation of the PESA (Panchayats Extension to Scheduled Areas Act) to establishing university named after tribal icons and launching the Sickle Cell Anaemia Mission
- AMIT SHAH'S STRATEGIES AND UNITED CAMPAIGNING BY SENIOR LEADERS LED TO CONG LOSS
- Overemphasis by Cong on the caste census, OBC agenda that upset tribals, Dalits & upper castes
- DESPITE ANTI-INCUMBENCY, CONGRESS LAGGED IN FIGHTING ON PEOPLE'S ISSUES ON STREETS AND WAS RUN LIKE A CORPORATE GROUP
- Fickle ticket distribution as party changed many of its nominations
- **CONGRESS WAS FAR BEHIND BJP IN CAMPAIGNING. BJP HELD 650 RALLIES, THE CONGRESS COULD HOLD JUST 350**
- ORGANIZATIONAL SETUP OF CONG VIRTUALLY ABSENT
- Differences between Digvijaya Singh and Kamal Nath
- OVEREMPHASIS ON SOFT-HINDUTVA BY CONGRESS



LAADLI BEHNA YOJANA

A flagship scheme of CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan. The eligible women are given ₹1,250 assistance per month. Amount is credited to accounts on 10th of every month.

WHO ARE ELIGIBLE?
Women from 23 to 60 years of age who have less than 5 acres of land or an annual income of less than ₹2.5 lakh.

PAPERWORK
No need for income certificate and local residence certificate. Only Samagra ID and Aadhaar card required.

HOW TO APPLY?
A team of officials visits every village and ward of the state to help women fill up a form. No need for income certificate.

GOVT FUNDS INVOLVED
In the ₹3.14 lakh crore Budget, the state govt provisioned ₹1.02 lakh crore for women, up by 22% from the last budget. Beneficiaries 1 crore women

REGION WISE PERFORMANCE: WINS/LEADS

- **Malwa-Nimar :** Total seats 66 2023: BJP 47, Cong 18, Bhartiya Adivasi Parti 1
- **Bundelkhand :** Total Seats 26 2023: BJP 22, Cong 4
- **Mahakoshal :** Total seats 38 2023: BJP 21, Cong 17
- **Gwalior-Chambal :** Total Seats 34., 2023: BJP 18, Cong 16
- **Central MP :** Total Seats 36 2023: BJP 31, Cong 5
- **Vindhya :** Total 30 seats 2023: BJP 25, Cong 5

WINNERS ALL

NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR
One of the most trusted poll managers for BJP in the state and the party's MP Poll Management Committee head, 66-year-old Tomar was leading against rival and ex-BSP MLA Balveer Dandotiya by around 20,000 votes till the 17th round of counting from Dimani seat of Morena district

PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL
Union minister and Lodhi caste OBC leader, the 63-year-old, was fielded from his home seat Narsinghpur in place of younger sibling and ex-MP minister Jalam Singh Patel. He was cruising to victory against Congress's Lakhan Patel by over 32,000 votes in last round of counting.

KAILASH VIJAYVARGIYA
Seen as the tallest among the current BJP leaders from Malwa-Nimar region, the BJP national general secretary (who is in the race for next MP CM) contested polls after five years. The 67-year-old defeated sitting Congress MLA Sanjay Shukla by over 57,000 votes from Indore.

RITI PATHAK
At 46 years of age, the youngest and the lone woman politician among the eight heavyweights, Pathak, the second time LS member from Sidhi seat, was leading by over 16,000 votes against Congress rival Gyan Singh from Sidhi seat of Vindhya region till the tenth round of counting.

BJP supporters and workers celebrate party's lead during counting of votes in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, on Sunday | PTI

The importance of Scindia in Gwalior-Chambal region

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

FIVE years back, he powered Congress to an emphatic victory in 34 seats located in the Gwalior-Chambal region, eventually paving the way for the Grand Old Party's return to power after 15 years in Madhya Pradesh in the 2018 assembly polls.

Only 15 months later, he walked out of the Congress with 22 party MLAs, thus scripting the fall of the Kamal Nath-led regime and resulting in the return of another Shivraj Singh Chouhan-led BJP government.

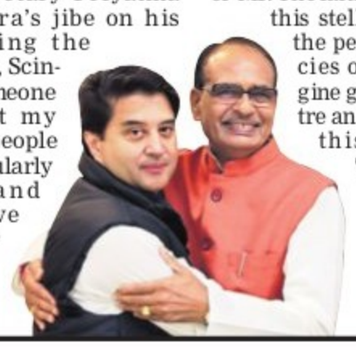
Three years and eight months later, Union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has played a key role in BJP regaining the lost ground on his home turf Gwalior-Chambal region in November 17 assembly polls. That happened after a loss in Morena and Gwalior mayoral elections in July 2022.

The BJP won only seven of the 34 seats of Gwalior-Chambal region in the 2018 polls.

This time, it has either emerged victorious or was leading on 18 seats of the region, pushing the Congress to a close second with 16 seats in the assembly elections.

"I had said the BJP will win. PM Modi's leadership worked and so did the guidance of Home Minister Amit Shah and national party president JP Nadda. This is a win for our double-engine government," he said.

Responding to his former colleague and Congress national general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's jibe on his height during the campaigning, Scindia said, "Someone spoke about my height, but people of MP, particularly Gwalior and Malwa, have shown how tall they are."



No anti-incumbency for BJP's longest serving CM

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

A visibly elated Shivraj Singh Chouhan accepted the people's verdict with modesty – which has been a hallmark of his amiable persona. He is the BJP's longest-serving chief minister in the country.

Stepping short of attributing the massive win to his Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Scheme, the CM credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "magic" for the poll success in MP.

"Our beloved PM is deeply rooted in the hearts of the people of MP. The faith in him has led to this stellar result. It was the people-centric policies of the double-engine governments (Centre and state) that led to this performance. The Ladli Behana Yojana too was one of the schemes that benefited all sections," Chouhan told this newspaper.

The extent of change that marks Chouhan's rise since November 2005 — drawing a parallel with Partap Singh Kairon in post-Independence Punjab — can be seen by statistics. Between 2004-05 and 2021-22, the net sown area (NSA) in MP has risen just 5.7%, from 149.75 lakh to 158.23 lakh hectares. But its gross cropped area (GCA) — from the same land being cultivated once or more than once in a year — has gone up by 48.7%.

Chouhan was born in a Kirar family in the Jait village of Sehore district. He is a gold medalist in MA Philosophy from Barkatullah University. He is an agriculturist by profession.

His early political career began when he entered Lok Sabha in 1975 after the anti-Emergency agitation. About the polls, he said: "I never saw a close battle or anti-incumbency. I was always confident about such a huge win."

RAJASTHAN

'Rivaaj' of changing 'raaj' makes Gehlot flounder at hustings

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

KNOWN for its revolving door politics, Rajasthan has again seen the BJP making a triumphant return, continuing the age-old 'rivaaj' of changing the 'Raaj.' Despite the Congress managing a lead in the Shekhawati region, the BJP has secured a significant foothold in all divisions.

In eastern Rajasthan, where the Gujjar vote was believed to be a game-changer and the Sachin Pilot factor loomed large, the Congress has done well. As per the data from the Election Commission, the BJP is leading on 115 seats, with the Congress trailing with 70 seats. Other candidates are ahead on 14 seats. The BJP has won 113 seats, Congress 69 and others 14. CM Ashok Gehlot, acknowledging defeat, has submitted his resignation to the Governor. "This is an unexpected result." Rahul Gandhi posted on social media saying he accepts the results, "the fight of ideology will continue."

The results reflect that the welfare schemes and guarantees promised by the Gehlot government are unable to deter the electorate from supporting the BJP. The saffron's strong resurgence aligns with the historical trend of government changes in the state. The party's dominance is evident across all seven divisions of Rajasthan, with only the Shekhawati region showing a marginal lead for the Congress. Even in eastern Rajasthan, where the Gujjar vote and the Sachin Pilot factor were projected to play a pivotal role, the Congress has defied the odds.

Despite the BJP's overall victory, notable leaders such as the Leader of the Opposition Rajendra Rathore and Jat stalwart Satish Poonia faced defeat in their respective constituencies, despite being considered chief ministerial aspirants. Former chief minister Vasundhara Raje secured an impressive victory from the Jhalrapatan seat but her political future as a chief minister remains uncertain.

Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, former Union Minister and a BJP candidate, triumphed in the Jhotwara assembly seat. Diya Kumari, Rajsamand MP and a member of Jaipur's royal family, secured a decisive victory from the Vidyadhar Nagar seat with a substantial margin of over 50,000 votes.

Once again I have been blessed by the voters of the area and have registered a big victory for Congress from here. I dedicate this victory to the people of Tonk

Sachin Pilot, MLA from Tonk

People of Rajasthan have given the mandate against Congress's jungle raj, corruption and misgovernance. Congratulations to our workers

Vasundhara Raje, BJP National Vice-President

MINISTERS WHO LOST

17 OUT OF 25 CONGRESS MINISTERS LOST. SHANTI DHARIWAL, CLOSEST TO GEHLOT AND A KEY FIGURE IN THE 2022 REBELLION AGAINST THE CONGRESS LEADERSHIP, EMERGED A WINNER. IN THE CONGRESS CAMP, BOTH GEHLOT AND SACHIN PILOT EMERGED VICTORIOUS

BJP workers outside party headquarters during counting of votes for the Rajasthan Assembly polls, in Jaipur on Sunday | PTI

Modi magic?

Two pivotal factors underpinning the BJP's success were their robust organizational structure and the strategic appeal to religious sentiments. Playing Hindutva card paid dividends, say pundits.

Hindutva card was aggressively played by saffron party

No significant wave or anti-incumbency

BJP'S ROBUST ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE WAS A PIVOT

BJP capitalised on ideological agenda

Beheading of Kanhaiyalal in Udaipur was a central focal point

Congress infighting and a surge in alleged atrocities against women and farmers cost the pary dear

'Lal Diary' seemed to have an impact on the electoral verdict

Corruption charges and perception of arrogance played against Congress

BJP's strategic appeal and effective messaging resonated with voters

BJP managed the Vasundhara Raje factor effectively, accommodating many loyalists in subsequent lists.

Congress's insistence on granting tickets to sitting MLAs, relying on old faces instead of introducing fresh talent proved costly

Gehlot's ambitious initiatives such as the Chiranjeevi Health Insurance, Pension Scheme, Annapurna Food Packet, Inflation Relief Camp, etc proved insufficient

Rift, distribution of tickets led to Cong debacle

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Jaipur

DESPITE CM Ashok Gehlot's implementation of several welfare schemes, the Congress in Rajasthan has a faced a massive defeat. Factionalism and faulty ticket distribution issues have been the reason of the electoral setback.

Gehlot's ambitious initiatives, such as the Chiranjeevi Health Insurance, Pension Scheme, Annapurna Food Packet and the proclamation of seven electoral guarantees, initially appeared to counter the rising BJP wave. However, these efforts proved insufficient as the organisational prowess of the BJP made the Congress structure look weak.

Despite the absence of a pronounced anti-incumbency wave against the Gehlot government, the Congress's electoral downfall is primarily attributed to the contentious ticket distribution strategy. In defiance of suggestions from party surveys, Gehlot and Sachin Pilot allocated tickets to their loyalists, a move that was widely rejected by the public. The prolonged power struggle between Gehlot and Pilot over the CM's post, for five years, eroded public trust.

ONE

dead and 11 missing after a landslide and flash floods hit Indonesia's Sumatra island

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	16	SNY	Los Angeles	26	17	LC
Colombo	29	24	LC	Melbourne	25	12	HR
Dhaka	32	27	SNY	Moscow	21	8	HR
Dubai	39	31	SNY	New York	26	16	LC
Houston	31	23	SNY	Singapore	32	27	SNY
Istanbul	29	17	SNY	Toronto	19	11	LC
London	24	13	LC	Washington	27	14	SNY

Israel orders more evacuations as it shifts its target to south Gaza

Gazans say they are low on space as many are crammed in South

A mother cries for her daughter who was killed in the Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip al in Deir al Balah on Sunday | AP

KHAN YOUNIS

ISRAEL'S military on Sunday ordered more areas in and around Gaza's second-largest city of Khan Younis to evacuate, as it shifted its offensive to the southern half of the territory where it says many Hamas leaders are hiding.

Heavy bombardments were reported overnight and into Sunday in the area of Khan Younis and the southern city of Rafah, as well as parts of the north that had been the focus of Israel's blistering air and ground campaign.

More than 15,200 people have been killed in the besieged Palestinian territory, according to Hamas, in more than eight weeks of combat and heavy bombardment.

Palestinians in Gaza said they were running out of places to go. Many of the territory's 2.3 million people are crammed in the south after Israeli forces ordered civilians to leave the north in the early days of the 2-month-old war, sparked by an Oct. 7 attack by Hamas

With the resumption of fighting, hopes for another temporary truce receded. A weeklong cease-fire, which expired on Friday, had facilitated the release of dozens of Gaza-held Israeli and foreign hostages and Palestinians imprisoned by Israel. The UN humanitarian agency OCHA said at least 160 Palestinian deaths were reported in two incidents in northern Gaza on Saturday: the bombing of a six-storey building in Jabalia refugee camp, and of an entire block in Gaza City neighbourhood.

In a summary of activity issued on Sunday, Israel's military said a drone strike had "eliminated" five Hamas militants. In addition, fighter jets and helicopters had struck "tunnel shafts, command centres and weapons storage facilities" while naval forces hit Hamas-linked vessels, it said.

At least one rocket salvo fired from Gaza towards Israel on Sunday was intercepted by air defence systems, said reporters in southern Israeli city of Sderot, near Gaza.

On Sunday, the Israeli military widened evacuation orders in and around Khan Younis, telling residents of at least five more areas and neighbourhoods to leave. Several hundred thousand Palestinians have received evacuation orders since fighting resumed, but they have few places to go. Residents said Israeli military dropped leaflets ordering them to move south to Rafah or to a coastal area in the southwest. "Khan Younis city is a dangerous combat zone," the leaflets read. *Agencies*

Int'l Court prosecutor to intensify Gaza probe

The chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court vowed to step up efforts to investigate alleged war crimes, as he wrapped up a visit to Israel and the Palestinian Territories. Karim Khan stressed his visit was "not investigative in nature" but said he was able to speak to victims on both sides of conflict

US warship under attack in Red Sea, says Pentagon

DUBAI

AN American warship and multiple commercial ships came under attack Sunday in the Red Sea, the Pentagon said, potentially marking a major escalation in a series of maritime attacks in the Mideast linked to Israel-Hamas war.

"We're aware of reports regarding attacks on the USS Carney and commercial vessels in the Red Sea and will provide information as it becomes available," the Pentagon said. The Carney is an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer.

The British military earlier said there had been a suspected drone attack and explosions in the Red Sea, without elaborating. The Pentagon did not identify where it believed the fire came from.

But, Yemen's Iran-backed Huthi rebels later said they had attacked two ships off the Yemeni coast, adding the "Israeli" vessels were targeted over the war in Gaza.

In a statement posted on social media, Huthis said they carried out an "operation against two Israeli ships in the Bab al-Mandab Strait," a strategic waterway connecting the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden, targeting one with a "missile and the second ship with a drone".

A US official said the attack began about 10 am in Sanaa, Yemen, and had been going on for as much as five hours. Global shipping had increasingly been targeted as the Israel-Hamas war threatens to become a wider regional conflict —even as a truce has halted fighting and Hamas exchanges hostages for Palestinian prisoners held by Israel. *AP*

Law enforcers conduct an investigation at the site of explosion in Marawi city | AP

Four killed in bomb attack on Catholic mass in Philippines

MANILA

THE Philippine president blamed "foreign terrorists" for a bomb blast that killed four people on Sunday, wounded dozens of other Catholic worshippers in the south and sparked a security alarm, including in the capital, Manila, where state forces were put on alert. The suspected bomb, which the police said was made from a mortar round, went off and hit students and teachers who attended a Mass in a gymnasium at Mindanao State University in southern Marawi city, Taha Mandangan, the security chief of the state-run campus, told The Associated Press by telephone.

Dozens of students and teachers dashed out of the gym and the wounded were taken to hospitals. Regional military commander Maj. Gen. Gabriel Viray III said four people were killed by the explosion, including three women, and 50 others were brought to two hospitals for treatment.

Six of the wounded were fighting for their lives in a hospital, said Gov. Mamintal Adiong Jr. of the Islamic province of Lanao del Sur, which has Marawi as its capital.

"I condemn in the strongest possible terms the senseless and most heinous acts perpetrated by foreign terrorists upon the Mindanao State University," President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. said in a statement. "Extremists who wield violence against the innocent will always be regarded as enemies to our society." Marcos did not explain why he immediately blamed foreign militants for the high-profile bombing. Defence Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr. later told a news conference without elaborating there was a strong indication of a "foreign element" in the bombing.

Military chief of staff Gen. Romeo Brawner Jr. said the bomb attack could be retaliation by Muslim militants for a series of battle setbacks.

"We are looking at possible angles," Brawner said. "It could be a retaliatory attack," He cited killing of 11 suspected Islamic militants in a military offensive backed by airstrikes and artillery fires on Friday near Datu Hoffer town in Maguindanao province. *AFP*

'Terrorist plot' probe after Paris stabbing

PARIS

FRENCH prosecutors have opened an investigation into a "terrorist plot" after a man known to the authorities as a radical Islamist with mental health troubles stabbed a tourist to death and wounded two other people in central Paris at the weekend before being arrested. The attack around 9:00 pm on Saturday near the Eiffel Tower came as France is at its highest alert level against the background of the war between Israel and Hamas.

Terrorism prosecutors said on Sunday they were investigating the knife and hammer attacker, identified as Armand Rajabpour-Miyandoab, a French national born in 1997 to Iranian parents. Arrested at the scene, he is suspected of murder and attempted murder "in connection with a terrorist plot". A 23-year-old man, identified by a judicial source as a German-Filipino citizen, died in the attack, though a taxi driver intervened to keep the attacker away from his wife. Patrick Pelloux, an emergency doctor on duty at the time of the attack, said the couple were both nurses, adding that the woman was severely shocked but unhurt.

A 66-year-old British citizen and a 60-year-old French national were wounded. Health Minister Aurelien Rousseau told broadcaster *France 3* that the wounded victims suffered only "superficial (physical) traumas, but of course psychological traumas that will be enormous". Prosecutors announced a press conference on Sunday with updates on the investigation. Meanwhile government leaders including Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne and Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin were to hold a security meeting. "We will not give in to terrorism," Borne wrote on X, while President Emmanuel Macron offered his condolences to the family of the man killed.

Referendum held in Venezuela over disputed territory

Venezuelans are voting in a referendum on Sunday to unilaterally decide the future of a large swath of neighbouring Guyana that their government claims ownership of, arguing the territory was stolen when a north-south border was drawn more than a century ago

ICJ'S DIRECTIVE

The International Court of Justice on Friday ordered Venezuela not to take any action that would alter Guyana's control over Essequibo, but the judges did not specifically ban officials from carrying out Sunday's five-question referendum

Guyana had asked the court to order Venezuela to halt parts of the vote

MILITARY PRESENCE

The territory accounts for two-thirds of Guyana and borders Brazil, whose Defence Min said it has boosted military presence

CONTROVERSIAL VOTE

Guyana considers the referendum a step toward annexation, and the vote has its residents on edge

It asks Venezuelans whether they support establishing a state in the disputed territory known as Essequibo, granting citizenship to current and future area residents, and rejecting the jurisdiction of the United Nations' top court in settling the disagreement between the two South American countries

IMPLICATIONS OF THE REFERENDUM

The legal and practical implications of the referendum remain unclear. But in comments explaining Friday's verdict, international court president Joan E. Donoghue said statements from Venezuela's government suggest it "is taking steps with a view toward acquiring control over and administering the territory in dispute."

Ukraine accuses Russian forces of killing two soldiers who surrendered

KYIV

UKRAINIAN officials on Sunday accused Russian forces of killing surrendering Ukrainian soldiers, a war crime if confirmed, after grainy footage on social media appeared to show two uniformed men being shot at close range after emerging from a dugout.

The video shows the servicemen, one of them with his hands up, walking out at gunpoint and lying down on the ground before a group of Russian troops appears to open fire. It was not immediately possible to verify the video's authenticity or the circumstances in which it was taken.

The Ukrainian General Prosecutor's office on Sunday launched a criminal investigation, hours after the Ukrainian military's press office said in an online statement that the footage is genuine.

"The video shows a group in Russian uniforms shooting, at point-blank range, two unarmed servicemen in the uniform of the Armed Forces of Ukraine who were surrendering," the prosecutor's office said in a Telegram update on Sunday.

Kyiv, its Western allies and international human rights organizations have repeatedly accused Moscow of breaching international humanitarian law since it launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. The Kremlin denies these allegations.

The video first appeared Saturday on DeepState, a popular Ukrainian Telegram channel covering the war.

The post claimed the footage came from the front lines near Avdiivka, a Ukrainian holdout in the country's east where there has been fierce fighting. The General Prosecutor's Office on Sunday said that the incident took place in the Pokrovsk district, which includes Avdiivka and surrounding areas. *AFP*

Pak sees 34% rise in terror attacks in Nov

ISLAMABAD

ANTI-STATE violence in Pakistan surged 34% in November, with 63 militant attacks recorded in the country during the month, a think-tank report said on Sunday. The 63 militant attacks in November resulted in 83 deaths, including that of 37 security forces personnel and 33 civilians, the *Dawn* newspaper reported, citing data from the Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies (PICSS) think tank.

Additionally, 89 individuals, including 53 civilians and 36 security forces personnel, sustained injuries, according to the Islamabad-based think tank. Compared to October's data, a 34% surge in militant attacks, a 63% rise in fatalities, and an 89% increase in the number of injured persons was recorded during November. Pakistani security forces killed at least 59 militants and arrested at least 18 suspected terrorists during the month, according to the report. The data showed an 81% escalation in militant attacks in the first eleven months of 2023 compared to the corresponding period in 2022. It also showed a 64% rise in the number of injured. The cumulative toll from the 599 militant attacks from January to November 2023 resulted in 897 fatalities and 1,241 injuries, according to the report. Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province was the most affected, recording 51 attacks with 54 deaths.

The Punjab province witnessed a single, high-profile attack on the Mianwali Air Base of the Pakistan Air Force. Heavily armed militants attacked the Pakistan Air Force training base, but soldiers foiled it by killing three of the attackers. *PTI*

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned scheduled property. Those who are having any objections may inform the undersigned Advocate within 21 days from the date of publication of the same. My client shall proceed with the registration if no such objections are received.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of house built in Site No.2, House List Khatha No. 201/2, situated at Horamavu Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk (No.2, Jayanthi Village, Esther Enclave, Horamavu, Bangalore) vide Municipal Pramana Pathra No. BNS-EC-A-176800- 2023-24, measuring East to West: 40 feet, North to South: 60 feet and bounded by:

East by: Property No.3, **West by:** Property No.1, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Road.

S.I. BALAGURU, Advocate
No.35, 6th Cross, Hutchins Road, Bangalore-560084. Mob: 9036730898

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pubic are hereby informed that the below named, has lost during the transit in the bus from Venkateshpura to Malleshwaram on 10-10-2023 the original Sale Deed dated 29-06-2004, vide document No.RJN-1-02068-2004-05, stored in C D No.RJND47, entered in Book No.1, registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore, executed by SAMIULLA KHAN in favor of BADDRUNNISA BEGUM concerning to below detailed schedule property, public are hereby requested that, if anybody find this document, please inform and hand over if to me.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 14/1, 3rd cross, Mohammedan Block, Malleshwaram, Bangalore 03, being the northern one half undivided portion thereof, measuring East - West 26'6" and North-South 9 feet 6 inches consisting of one room measuring 13' X 9'5" built with mud walls, ordinary flooring, jungle wood and Mangalore file roofing and building aged about 69 years and open space bounded on the **East by:** Common Passage and property owned by Sri. Khasim, **West by:** property belonging to Abu Baker, **North by:** property bearing No. 14, owned by the purchaser and **South by:** remaining one half portion of property No. 14/1, and private property.

ANWAR KHAN
No.19, 4th Cross, MD Block, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003. Mob: 9945004789, Date: 02-12-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my clients **Sri.Sudheendra G. S. and Smt. Ramya C. R.** are intending to purchase the residential property mentioned in the Schedule herein below from **Sri.T.K.Nikesh Babu,** S/o T.L.Kempegowda residing at No.1102, 35TH D Cross, Near SSMRV College, 4th T Block Jayanagar Bangalore-560041.

Any person /firm/institution/company having any claim or right in respect of Schedule Property is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within **10 days** from the date of this publication of his/her/their claim, if any, with all supporting documents failing which the transaction shall be completed without reference to such claim and the claims, if any of such person shall be considered as waived and not binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing **Site No.276,** Khatha Number.759/581/506/505 comprised in the layout formed by the REMCO (BHEL) House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd, situated at **2ND Stage Extention Phase, REMCO (BHEL) Private Layout, Pattanagere Village (Presently known as BHEL Layout), Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru,** presently within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.198, Hemmigepura, Pattanagere together with a residential house comprising Ground, First, Second & Third floor measuring East to West 41 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring **1230 Sq. Feet.** bounded on : **East by : Road, West by : Site No. 283, North by: Site No.277 and South by : Site No.275.**

Sateesh S. Advocate
No.624, 2nd Floor, 15th Main, 24th Cross, BSK II Stage, Bengaluru - 560070

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
COMMISSIONER SURVEY SETTLEMENT AND LAND RECORDS
K.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560001, Phone No.91-080-22212408

NO.SSLR/17016/20/2023-24 Date : 02.12.2023

SHORT TERM e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sub : Hiring of Services of Computer Operators, Drivers, Security Guards & House Keepers Reg.

E-tenders are invited from reputed authorized agents for hiring of Man Power Service of Computer Operators - 02, Drivers - 08, Security Guards - 03 & House Keepers - 07, to Survey Settlement and Land Records Department, Bengaluru. Tender Document and related information will be available in e-procurement portal website **http://www.epro.karnataka.gov.in** from **04.12.2023** Interested firms registered with the centre for e-governace, can participate in the bidding process. The last date of submission of proposals is **22.12.2023, 3.00 P.M.**

Sd/-
Additional Director,
Survey Settlement & Land Records
Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/SHIRDI SAI/2368/2023-24

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is intimated to the General Public at large that I, **Smt. KAMALA VISWANATHAN,** Aged about 71 years, W/o. Sri. K. Viswanathan, R/A No.4, 'VISWAKAMALAM', 3rd Main, K R Garden, Murugeshapalya, Bengaluru-560 017, Mob: 9448864555, have filed a Case bearing O.S. No. 2589 / 2022, pending Before The Hon'ble IV Addl Senior Civil Judge, Bangalore Rural Against **1. Sri. SAI PRAVEEN, 2. Sri. K. GAJENDRA KOLA, 3. Sri. VENKATADRI, 4. P D O, Kithagnur Panchayath, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangaluru - 560 036 and 5. AEE, BESCOM, Avalahalli, Bengaluru-560049** and the Hon'ble IV Addl. Senior Civil Judge, Bengaluru Rural has passed an Interim Order on 15-12-2022 against Defendants 1 to 3 restraining them from putting up any construction carried on in their B Schedule Property within 3 Feet from the edge of A Schedule Property and the Defendants 1 to 3 are carrying on the Construction violating the Interim Order and I have come to know that the Defendants 1 to 3 are also trying to alienate the flats from reliable sources and any person/s buying the flats in B Schedule property, which are abutting the A Schedule Property / Site will be doing so on their own risk as the Schedule B Property, which is a Multi Storied Building is under Litigation to the extent that Defendants 1 to 3 are restrained from putting up any construction without leaving a set-back of 3 Feet and this Public Notice is to caution the Public before buying flats in the B Schedule Property and also to safe guard my interest in A Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

Site Property No. 396, Kithagnur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru-560 036 and the vacant site with 1 house constructed which was purchased from one Sri. Nikhil .K. Kotak S/o. Sri. K.G. Kotak as per a deed of Absolute Sale bearing Document No.5225/1993-94 dated 21-2-1994, Book-I, Vol: 770, pages 30-35 and registered on 18-04-1994 in the office of Sub Registrar, K R Puram, Bangalore, measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet bearing khatha No. 265/396, later No. 1704/229/396 and presently Property No. 15020040050402371 and bounded on:

East By : Road, West By : Private Property, North By : Property bearing No.395, South By : Property No.397 belonging to Defendant No. 1

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

Site Property No. 397, Kithagnur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru-560 036 earlier Vacant site, now construction activity commenced by putting up pillars by Defendants 1 to 3, in Site No.397 measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet joining 2 sites 397 and 398 which are towards southern side of Schedule A Property Site No.397 is bounded on:

East By : Road, West By : Private Property, North By : Property bearing No.396, South By : Property No.398, wherein D-1 to D-3 are constructing Multi storied building in Site No. 397 & 398.

Smt. Kamala Viswanathan
Bengaluru, Date : 02.12.2023

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, BANGALURU GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, II FLOOR, No. 4, RESIDENCY ROAD, BENGALURU: 560 025

FORM NO.I.T.C.P. 17 [See Rule 53 to the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961]

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE RECOVERY OFFICER – 2, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -2, BENGALURU

NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION

(See Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Other Financial Institutions ACT, 1993 r/w Rule 53 of the II Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961)

RC No.659/2019 IN OA No.484/2017

Between Vijaya Bank (Now Bank of Baroda), H D Kote Branch
: Applicant/ Certificate Holder Bank

AND

1. Sri. Lokesh D C, S/o. Chikkalingaiah, No.2848, 4th Cross, 4th Main, Jayanagar, Mysuru-570014

2. Sri. Veeraswamy Reddy, S/o. Late Narasa Reddy, No. 1112/3, FCI Main Road, Behind HP Gas Kadugodi, Bengaluru-560067.

3. M/s. Thirumala Infra Projects Bengaluru Pvt Ltd, No. 1112/3, FCI Main Road, Behind HP Gas Kadugodi, Bengaluru-560067. Rep by its Managing Director Sri. Veeraswamy Reddy S/o. Late Narasa Reddy Director - Sri Prashanth K V
S/o. Sri. Veeraswamy Reddy

: Defendants/ Certificate Debtors

Whereas in execution of Recovery Certificate No.659/2019 in OA No. 484/2017 dated 07/06/2019 drawn up by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal - 2, Bengaluru, the undersigned has ordered the sale of the under mentioned immovable property .

You are hereby informed that the day on or after fifteenth day from the date of service of this notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and setting the terms thereof. You are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof.

SPECIFICATION OF PROPERTY

SCHEDULE - A - PROPERTY All that piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing :

SL. NO	Residential property detail	Boundary		Location
1	Converted Sy No.33/3 Measuring 34 ¾ Guntas	East by	Land in Sy No.33/4	Jagadenahalli Village, Lakkuru Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District
		West by	Rural Road Sonnenahalli Border	
		North by	Land of Sy No.33/2	
		South by	Land belongs toSmt. Laxmamma	

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal at Bengaluru on this the 22nd day of June, 2022

SD/- Recovery Officer- 2
Debts Recovery Tribunal -2
Bengaluru.

75% decline in FDI into India from Cayman Islands to $145 million during April-September.

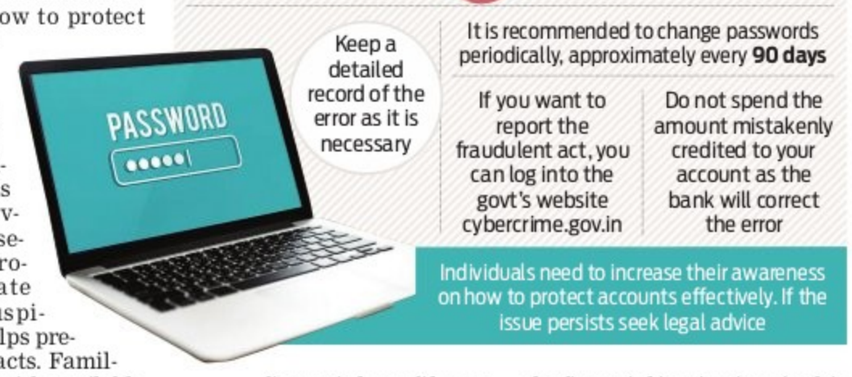
Know how to safeguard your money against digital frauds

In case you receive any amount that was mistakenly transferred into your account, you should refrain from using them as the bank will likely correct the error

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

WITH the increasing incidents of cyber fraud, there is a growing need for people to be more aware of securing their bank accounts and UPI IDs. This need has become even more evident after UCO Bank experienced a significant digital fraud. Between November 10 and 13, an incorrect transfer of ₹820 crore was made to certain account holders using the IMPS facility, attributed to a "technical issue."

The bank has managed to recover approximately ₹649 crore, accounting for 77% of the total amount. In response to this incident, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has urged banks to enhance their efforts in safeguarding depositors' money. During the meeting, it was noted that 70 lakh mobile connections involved in cybercrime/ financial frauds reported through digital intelligence platforms have been disconnected so far. Around ₹900 crore defrauded money has been saved, benefitting 3.5 lakh victims. Experts, however, suggest that individuals also need to increase their awareness and knowledge on how to protect their accounts effectively. According to experts, with the advancement of technology, financial institutions offer various services to track and secure financial profiles. Immediate detection of suspicious changes helps prevent fraudulent acts. Familiarising oneself with available services and promptly reporting any cyber financial fraud is essential.


RISING CASES OF FRAUDS
UCO Bank recently reported erroneous credit of ₹820 cr to account holders
It could recover only ₹649 cr out of ₹820 CR
PASSWORD
Keep a detailed record of the error as it is necessary
It is recommended to change passwords periodically, approximately every 90 days
If you want to report the fraudulent act, you can log into the govt's website cybercrime.gov.in
Do not spend the amount mistakenly credited to your account as the bank will correct the error
Individuals need to increase their awareness on how to protect accounts effectively. If the issue persists seek legal advice

Familiarise with the process

Sourasubha Ghosh, Partner, INDUSLAW said, "Any suspicious changes or modifications in the financial profile are capable of being tracked immediately and the same at the very least gives an opportunity to the victim to ensure that such a fraudulent act is not repeated. It is, therefore, important to get acquainted with all the services and modes made available by the financial institutions in this regard and to avail those services." In any event, as soon as a cyber financial fraud is discovered or has come to light, one must immediately set the legal process in motion by lodging a police complaint with his or her local police station, which would be transferred at their behest to the Cyber Crime Cell. The Ministry of Home Affairs has also established an Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) with a helpline number - 1930(erstwhile 155260). "Alternatively, there is a direct mechanism in place to report to the cybercrime cell about the alleged fraudulent act in the government's website cybercrime.gov.in. The site is user friendly and there is a separate link to report financial fraud. The aggrieved must make sure to give the complete details of the fraudulent act in the report including the account from which the suspicious transaction has taken place," Ghosh stated.

Contact banks, financial institutions

As per Sachin Yadav, Partner, Financial Advisory, Deloitte India, the victim must contact his or her financial institution as soon as possible. Inform them about the fraudulent incident and seek assistance from their dedicated fraud control unit or cyber team. They can help them block their account and trace any fraudulent transactions. Next, consider changing your passwords for all online accounts, including your internet and mobile banking accounts. It is recommended to change passwords periodically, approximately every 90 days. Antivirus and anti-malware software can help protect devices and prevent potential threats.

In recent times, there have been cases where accidental payments were credited to accounts due to system glitches or human errors on the bank's side. If you find yourself in such a situation, according to Yadav, it is important to take appropriate actions - Firstly, contact your bank immediately to report the error. Inform them about the accidental payment and request assistance to rectify the mistake. Prompt communication with the bank is crucial to resolve the issue in a timely manner.

Don't spend wrongly credited money

"Avoid spending the extra funds that were mistakenly transferred into your account. It is advisable to refrain from using these funds, as the bank will likely correct the error. Spending the additional money could lead to further complications and legal issues," Yadav said.

Document the details of the error and maintain a record of all communications with the bank regarding the incident. This documentation can be useful if the situation escalates and legal action becomes necessary.

"If the issue persists or becomes more complex, you may consider seeking legal advice. Consulting with a legal professional can help you understand your rights and explore appropriate options to resolve the situation," stated Yadav.

MONEY MATTERS

MONEY LESSONS FROM CHARLIE MUNGER

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

RAJAS KELKAR
(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

LEGENDARY American investor Warren Buffett's lifelong business partner, Charlie Munger, passed away recently. You will hear a lot about him over the next few days or weeks. Nithin Kamath of Zerodha wrote on social media highlighting the importance of Munger's inspirational wisdom in his day-to-day life. Others highlighted the investing lessons they followed from his life. He helped Buffett build a company that stands up for investors and investing.

You are already familiar with the context if you are a direct equity investor. If you are not into that, you should not bother. You should follow the advice of your professional financial advisor. However, if you wish to learn more about investing, there are a lot of takeaways.

It is not an exaggeration if a section of investors in India are emotional about Munger and Warren Buffett. Munger was a 'fundamental' investor. He believed in businesses that showed consistent financial performance.

A fundamental principle of investing is that you need to follow profits. In that context, Munger's life was a textbook. He argued favouring businesses with market leadership in their respective sectors and a future that sees further growth in that position. Such companies can maintain a steady business and profit growth. You need to know about 12-13 such companies in different sectors and then own shares of at least two or three. He spoke about this at length at the last annual general meeting of Berkshire Hathaway. He dismissed the idea of a diversified multi-sector stock portfolio.

Munger attached a significant importance to learning among all things. He used to say that your educational background does not matter if you learn something new daily. That way, when you go to bed, you sleep knowing more than the previous day. The information about your money is out there. You need to learn to put it together and make sense of it. Learning about markets, companies, and their financial performance will only enhance how you look at your investments. Your actions will be based on your learning as it matters for all categories of investors.

If you are a beginner, you need to know things that affect your money initially, like interest rates and inflation. If you are not from the field of finance, you need to know how to connect the dots that affect your money. Your financial future depends on the knowledge you possess through your learning. For an active investor, timely information matters a lot. There is learning almost every day if you belong to that category. The life of an active trader is based on real-time information. Regarding your money, there is no excuse for not learning. All the information you need is available.

Just like everything else in life, nothing is perfect. It is hard to say that he was always right or never wrong. Berkshire Hathaway did not own a single technology company till they invested in Apple a few years back. Considering the unprecedented boom and bust technology shares witnessed, Munger perhaps did not find the correct value.

The complete lack of participation in India's stock market is another case. Munger liked Indian workers who did well for themselves in the US. But he thought that the Indian system needed fixing. That perhaps explains Berkshire's little or no interest in Indian equities.

Over the years, long-term investors have made a fortune in the Indian market. That includes foreigners and locals. In hindsight, you may argue about the view. The other way to look at that is to believe that Munger and Buffett chose to know less about India. Although they did buy a few international companies, their prime holdings were in the United States. They were firm believers of capitalism and felt that America was the best place to practice it.

Continuing to learn about investing fundamentals is the mantra you can take from the unprecedented life of Charles Thomas Munger.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

MONEY-WISE

WE NEED A MARKET FOR INSURANCE VIATICALS

FINANCIAL ADVICE

PV SUBRAMANYAM
writes at www.subramoney.com and has authored the best seller 'Retire Rich - Invest ₹40 a day'

YOU are 34 years old and have been diagnosed with cancer. Your doctor tells you grimly that you have 7 months to live. You don't have any next of kin – but you need cash now. Suppose you have bought a policy from one of the life insurance companies (classic endowment) and wish to surrender it, what do you do?

Go to the life insurance company and say "I wish to surrender this plan please". They then follow a very complicated path and tell you how much they will pay you. This is called surrender value.

Beware this is a black box and if you are not an actuary, do not even attempt to understand it. To make things simple let us accept that this could be a ridiculously low figure. If you have paid ₹ 100,000 as a premium for say 7 years (it is a 27-year plan) you think you should get back at least ₹6 lakh, right?

Wrong, completely wrong. They are perfectly capable of telling you 'Sorry we will pay you only ₹4.3 lakh'. Sometimes even lower. No questions can be asked, because the company has a black box.

If you are not happy with the price you should be able to go and sell it in the market, right?

No. You cannot sell, it can only be given back to the issuer (welcome to the protected world of life insurance).

In the UK and USA you could just walk to a life broker and sell the policy. I, in my personal capacity, may be willing to pay ₹5.36 lakh – and keep the policy. I may have to pay the premium for the next 5 years, and if this person kicks the bucket..well I make money quickly.

India had no competition in Life Insurance, so the great Indian insurance company made sure that no viaticals market was created.

The Viaticals

This is a contract where 'the seller' assigns his/her life insurance beneficiary rights to an investor (the buyer) for a lump sum payment today. Mostly the seller is terminally ill and the buyer hopes to get a good return (yes, sounds morbid) as the policy holder dies.

This is a clear case of reverse life insurance. This can be used to provide some cash for the person who has nobody who needs that money after he dies, but has a big need for cash now. After all, what's the point of having your life insurance go to someone who does not matter? You might as well use it yourself.

I can also understand the 'ethical' question - discussion about regulating controversial markets and the effect of such regulations. The US has regulations for viatical transactions, with many of these regulations involving price floors. You also don't want people to take fake policies and use it for cheating some poor people – and knocking them off!

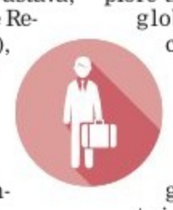
Yes, tough call for the Regulator, but the IRDA should not be moralistic about such products. They should just put the safety rails – a formula for pricing, ensure that the sick person gets the money, that the insurance company pays the Sum Assured and bonus to the third party who has funded the policy holder when he or she needed it. That will be the day!

'Trade contributes only 3% of greenhouse gas emission'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AS the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) begins in Dubai from Monday, experts feel India must reiterate that the misconception that trade significantly contributes to global emissions must be corrected.

According to Ajay Srivastava, founder of Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI), trade-related activities account for only about 3% of global greenhouse gas emissions, not the often-cited 25%, and that India must highlight the misconception.



As per GTRI, India must also highlight two other important issues during the conference in Dubai. The focus should be on the World Trade Organisation (WTO) prioritising its core mandate of regulating trade, rather than overreaching into areas better managed by specialised agencies, such as the International Maritime Organisation's efforts in decarbonising global shipping, says Ajay Srivastava.

He also says that India should highlight the potential conflicts of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) with the Paris Agreement.

On 4 December 2023, COP28 in Dubai dedicates a day to explore the relationship between global trade and climate change.

Trade day will explore the interplay between global trade and climate change. The primary goal is to nudge governments worldwide to integrate climate-friendly measures into their national trade policies.

Other potential topics include green trade policies, the role of renewable energy in trade, and carbon pricing strategies. A separate session will revolve around the role of trade in securing essential minerals necessary for the energy transition.

Extended full support to I-T dept: Hindujas

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

HINDUJA Global Solutions (HGS) on Sunday confirmed that Income-Tax Department conducted survey/search at the premises of the company from November 28, and completed on December 2, 2023.

"The Company's Officials has extended full co-operation and support to the Officials of the Department and provided them requisite information/ data as asked for and shall continue to provide any further details/ information that might be required by them in the matter," it said in a BSE filing. The Company has no additional information to provide at this stage. The Company will update the Stock Exchanges if the matter progresses and in case of any material information/ event is received in this regard, it added. As per reports, the tax department's search is also linked to provisions of the General Anti-Avoidance Rules (GAAR).

Election results may rejuvenate stock market

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE outcome of elections held in four states is expected to give a major impetus to the stock market in the coming week even as local benchmark indexes- BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty50 - gained over 2% each last week.

As per the last update, the election commission trends showed the PM Narendra Modi-led Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) winning in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh while in Telangana, the Congress is leading over Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao's BRS.

Sunil Nyati, Managing Director of Swastika Investmart said that the Indian stock market has started factoring in an edge to the BJP in state elections, but 3-1 was not discounted; therefore, the market is likely to celebrate with big gains. The market has already started the pre-election rally for May 2024 from mid-November, and now this rally will get pace after the outcome of state elections, she said. "Now two factors will play out FOMO and TINA. The feeling of missing out (FOMO) and the fact that there is no alternative (TINA). FIIs are still on the sidelines, and now they have FOMO feelings. After the state election outcome and surprising strong GDP numbers, it is clear that there is no alternative to India in terms of political stability and economic growth. Now these two factors have created a canvas for a pre-election rally," said Nyati.

"There is a good chance that Nifty may hit the auspicious mark of 21,000 in December itself, while another 1000–2000 point rally can't be ruled out in the run-up to the general election," added Nyati.

The Nifty 50, on Friday, hit its fresh record high of 20,291.55 in the intraday session on all-round buying after India's Q2 GDP numbers exceeded expectations. The Sensex ended the Friday session at 67,481.19, up 493 points. The 30- share index remained 446 points away from its all-time high of 67,927.23 which it hit on September 15 this year.

Anirudh Garg, Partner and Head of Research at Invasset PMS said that the SENSEX performance data around Indian general elections points to a clear correlation between investor sentiment and the anticipation of stable governance. Before elections, there is often a surge in the market; for instance, SENSEX rose by 18.2% before the first Modi government and an impressive 29.7% before the UPA-2 tenure. This pre-election rally reflects investor confidence in prospective political stability.

"Post-election, the market's response is more nuanced. Short-term gains, such as a 3.99% increase after the Modi Government 2.0 results, suggest cautious optimism. Yet, the long-term outlook is robust, demonstrated by significant one-year returns, peaking after UPA-2 with an 81.5% increase, indicating sustained market confidence in a stable government's policies," said Garg.

Sonam Srivastava, Founder and Fund Manager at Wright Research, PMS, said that election outcomes impact the market through various channels: changes in economic policies (like taxation, tariffs, regulations) under new governments can affect corporate profits, influencing stock prices.

"Political stability is crucial; a stable government boosts investor confidence, whereas a weak or unstable government heightens political uncertainty, making investors risk-averse," added Srivastava. Sreeram Ramdas, VP at Green Portfolio, however, feels that the results from these five states aren't pivotal. The markets are not expected to experience a dramatic sentimental shift next week due to these results.

Ramkumar clinches ITF Kalaburagi Open title

India's Ramkumar Ramanathan thrashed Austrian David Pichler in straight sets in a lop-sided men's singles final to secure his third ITF title by winning the Kalaburagi Open on Sunday. Ramkumar, who won the ITF Mumbai Open last week, took just 64 minutes to quell Pichler's challenge 6-2, 6-1 at the Chandrashekhar Patil Stadium.

The 30-year-old, in his short career, has shown why he deserves a longer rope in middle-order

Jitesh, the finisher in making

GOMESH S @ Chennai

FROM the outset, 64 runs in three T20I innings — 21.33 average and 164.1 strike rate — might not scream 'wow'. That is Jitesh Sharma's international career so far. However, the sample size is just too small. So is the pool of players who have been designated to do what he does for the Indian team — come in at No. 6, take on bowlers and put the team in a position of strength without taking any time to settle in.

Purely on numbers, Rinku Singh (187.5), Suryakumar Yadav (171.23) and Venkatesh Iyer (170.42) are the only frontline batters to have better SR while batting at No. 5 or below for India. Then again, the sample size is too small there as well. However, when SKY broke into the team and made that kind of impact, he showed what was possible. He is India's best T20 batter and there is a reason why he bats at No. 3/4 and still plays the way he does. If you have watched Jitesh bat in the Indian Premier League and ongoing India-Australia series, you'd know by now the promise he has shown to change the game.

In fact, it is one of the reasons why Punjab Kings were delighted to sign the Vidarbha batter for ₹20 lakh in the 2022 mega auction. Cricket Strategist & Recruitment Analyst Dan Weston, who worked with the franchise, says that the then head coach Anil Kumble and scout Sankar Rajgopal deserve more credit for securing the services of Jitesh who had smashed 214 runs at an average of 53.5 and SR of 235.16 in the 2021-22 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy. "For me, when you're recruiting a player, you have to identify what they're good at and give them the opportunity to showcase those skills as much as possible. With a player like Jitesh, you don't really want to change a great deal in terms of their role in the entry point in the beginning. You just have to try and find what unknown skill set and what you think they can become," says Weston, who runs Sports Analytics Advantage.

Jitesh Sharma scored a 16-ball 24 against Australia on Sunday | VINOD KUMAR T

And the result, too, is there to see. Among Indian middle-order batters who played a minimum of five games in 2022, only Dinesh Karthik (183.33) had a better SR than Jitesh (163.63). In 2023, Jitesh continued to strike at 156.06 while scoring 309 runs. For India, too, he is playing a similar role — something that had not been designated in the past. With the team undergoing transition, a new generation of players is coming through who are playing a brand of cricket that is often looked at as high risk. Weston attributes it to the change in mindset. "For someone like Jitesh and to an extent Rinku Singh now as well, he's obviously done extremely well over the last year or something, it's a mentality thing. I think as much it's the fearless mentality and I think sometimes that that is something that's an inherent characteristic of an individual and can't necessarily be taught. It's very difficult. There are players who you can teach that to. However, not all players are willing to listen to that or will take you on board. It's actually quite rare to find players who can flip sort of 180 degrees really into becoming a really aggressive player from maybe a conservative player."

In both the games against Australia, Jitesh's balls/boundary is less than five. It is the same in his IPL career as well. Weston believes that when a player moves up the level in terms of quality of opponents, the SR or boundary percentage does not change that much. "The difference in standard is often just reflected in a much lower balls/dismissal than the reduction of SR. And then it's down to the individual to find solutions of how they can find lower risk options while still playing an attacking brand of cricket."

Jitesh is in a peculiar position. His record in List-A is not impressive, he has played three first-class cricket in six years. But in the shortest format, unless Rishabh Pant makes a comeback and has a good IPL, he could go into the T20 World Cup next year as India's first-choice keeper-batter. Weston feels that it all might come down to how he approaches a lean run and whether the selectors and team management back him, giving a longer rope to succeed. "With additional risk comes additional volatility. So you have to be very patient with players who play an attacking game."

On Sunday, he got out after a 16-ball 24 against Australia and India won by six runs, but there is a bigger picture. Whether he will succeed in South Africa or not is not clear, but one thing is sure. Jitesh has shown enough to be given a consistent run at the role where he is capable of excelling at. **Brief scores:** India 160/8 in 20 ovs (Shreyas 53, Axar 31) **bt** Australia 154/8 in 20 ovs (McDermott 54; Mukesh 3/32).

Full story: newindianexpress.com

INJURY CONCERN

Qatar GP: Mirabai to attend weigh-in but will not lift

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

AS she did in the 2023 World Championships in Riyadh in September, ace Indian weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu will only mark her attendance at the IWF Grand Prix II in Doha, Qatar starting Monday. As participation in the Qatar event is mandatory to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympics, the Tokyo Olympics silver medallist will give the body weight and dope test, if required.

"Weigh-in for Mira is on Monday. She will attend it and undergo a dope test if asked to. She will not lift the weight," Vijay Sharma, weightlifting head coach, told this daily.

Eyeing her maiden medal at the Asian Games a couple of months ago, the Manipur athlete completed only two lifts out of six attempts injuring her right thigh in the process. She managed 83kg in the snatch section and lifted 108kg in clean and jerk for a below-par total of 191kg and finished fourth in the women's 49kg at the Asian Games. She fell on her back while attempting a 117kg clean and jerk lift. She couldn't lift the weight in her third and final attempt. She collapsed after the failed attempt which meant she needed assistance to walk off the platform.

"We have consulted sports injury expert Dr Dinshaw Pardiwala in Mumbai after the injury she sustained at the Asian Games. The rehabilitation for the same has been going on at NIS Patiala ever since. She is in Qatar to mark her attendance as it's a mandatory event," added Sharma. The 2017 World gold medallist

reportedly had tendonitis near the hip joint and was advised to rest for a few weeks.

The two-time Commonwealth Games gold medallist has registered an entry weight of a mere 60kg for the Grand Prix which will conclude on December 14. She has been placed in group C based on the entry she has made, the lowest in the group of eight lifters. The lifters who register the highest entry weight are placed in group A followed by B and so on.

To qualify for the Paris Olympics, participation in the 2023 World Championships and the 2024 IWF World Cup is a must. Besides, the lifter has to participate in a minimum of three of the five events a) 2022 IWF World (Senior) Championships, b) 2023 Continental (Senior) Championships, c) 2023 IWF Grand Prix I, d) 2023 IWF Grand Prix II and e) 2024 Continental (Senior) Championships. "As per the Olympic Qualification Ranking (OQR), she is placed second in her weight category which means she has already qualified for the Games given her present position. Now she has to compete in the continental championships and I am quite sure by then she will complete her rehabilitation and start lifting weights," said the head coach. The Asian Championships, which is also a qualifying event for the 2024 Games, will be held from February 3 to 10 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

5-member Indian team

A five-member Indian contingent reached Doha on Saturday to compete at the event. Apart from Mirabai, the team comprised S Bindyarani Devi (55kg), N Ajith (73kg), Achinta Sheuli (73kg) and Gurdeep Singh (+109kg). The competitions in 73kg men and 55kg women will be held on December 6. Ajith is placed in group C with an entry of 290kg while Achinta is in group B with an entry of 300kg. Bindyarani is in group A with an entry of 190kg.

Speaking on the possibility of another Indian lifter qualifying for the Olympics, Sharma said, "Chances are rare and we are relying on continental quota for the same."

A total of 120 lifters will compete in five weight categories each in the men's and women's sections at the Paris Games. As many as 50 men and as many women will qualify via OQR (top 10 in each division) while 10 quota places (5 men and 5 women) will be reserved for continental representation. Six lifters (3 men and 3 women) will be eligible for universality places apart from four lifters (2 men and 2 women) from the host country. The qualification period for the OQR began on August 1, 2022, and concludes on April 28, 2024.

VIJAY HAZARE TROPHY

Tripura stun Mumbai, TN get better of MP

ENS/AGENCIES @ Bengaluru/Chennai

TRIPURA earned a well-deserved 53-run victory over heavyweights Mumbai in a rain-affected group A league match of the Vijay Hazare Trophy here on Sunday.

Despite the loss, Mumbai are firmly on course for a quarterfinal berth as they are still on top of the group with 20 points from six games and a match left.

Batting first, Tripura scored a competitive 288 for 5 in 50 overs. In reply, Mumbai's revised target was 265 in 43 overs, courtesy VJD method used as rain-rule for domestic games.

But Tripura did well to bowl out Ajinkya Rahane's side for 211 in 40.3 overs with seamer Manisankar Mura Singh finishing with 4 for 23 in 8.4 overs after having a smashed a half-century in the morning. Skipper Rahane scored 78 off 84 balls but against a not-so-formidable Tripura attack, the former India captain never looked comfortable and in the end, his knock was not enough to change the result.

Meanwhile, Baba Indrajith scored a 115-ball 92 proved to be the difference-maker as Tamil Nadu beat Madhya Pradesh by 17 runs in Thane.

Batting first, Indrajith's innings was crucial as the other batters struggled. From 101/2, Tamil Nadu were eventually bundled out for 195. In reply, MP batters got off to a worst possible start and lost four wickets within 12 overs with just 27 runs on board. Rajat Patidar scored 73 to steady the ship but MP were eventually bowled out for 178. R Sai Kishore and Varun Chakravarthy picked up three apiece.

Select results: Tamil Nadu 195 all out in 49.5 ovs (Indrajith 92) **bt** Madhya Pradesh 178 in 47.4 ovs (Patidar 73; Sai Kishore 3/25, Varun 3/40); Vidarbha 286/8 in 50 ovs (Karun 102 n.o) lost to Hyderabad 159/1 in 29 ovs (Tanmay 77 n.o, Rahul 62 n.o); Tripura 288/5 in 50 ovs (Bikram 70, Sudip 60, Mura Singh 55 n.o) **bt** Mumbai 211 in 40.1 ovs (Rahane 78; Mura Singh 4/23); Delhi 279/4 in 50 ovs (Himmat Singh 132 n.o) **bt** Chandigarh 210 in 44.2 ovs (Arslan Z Khan 63); Andhra 249 in 46.5 ovs (Karan 67, Nithish 60 n.o, Bharat 55) **lost to** Uttar Pardesh 255/4 in 41.5 ovs (Aryan 55, Sameer Rizvi 61 n.o, Jurel 57 n.o); Karnataka 143 in 43.5 ovs (SP Kumar 3/28) **lost to** Haryana 144/5 in 31.5 ovs (RP Sharma 63).

Rohidas hoping for another medal in Paris

KALYANI MANGALE @ Chennai

AMIT Rohidas has seen multiple ups and downs in Indian hockey. The Tokyo Olympics Bronze medalist spoke with this daily about the Asian Champions Trophy triumph, his journey so far, the support of the Odisha government and more. Excerpts:

● On ACT glory

Playing in the ACT was vital for us because we got the opportunity to get some practice ahead of the Asian Games. We got the opportunity to learn and see how our opponents for the Asian Games were playing. And it helped us prepare better. Since our loss in the 2018 Asian Games, the motto was clear: we don't repeat the same mistakes and win the gold medal in the Asian Games and directly qualify for the Olympics. We have time till the Olympics, so we want to prepare ourselves better through Pro League and other tournaments.

● On Tokyo 2020 medal

Not making the direct qualification for the Tokyo 2020 via Asian Games 2018 was heartbreaking. So once we qualified for the Olympics via the long route, during the COVID times before the Olympics, we didn't even go home from the camp and kept preparing ourselves for the Olympics and we aimed to have a podium finish. There was no crowd in Tokyo, we were playing on empty grounds, but we knew that the entire India was supporting us. I think we felt that blessing and we won the Bronze medal. Now that we have qualified directly, we are hoping to have another podium finish in Paris.

● On his personal journey:

All the players who have played hockey for India have faced some or other problems at some level. I myself was out of the team for almost three years. I have worked hard to make a comeback in the national camp. I kept performing and never lost the hope of making a comeback. And I made a comeback in 2017, since then I have played continuously for India. It has been a challenging journey for me because it's very hard to make a space for yourself in the team, once you are out of it. I have to thank my friends and family for believing in me.

● On the senior nationals

It was a great decision by Hockey India to involve all the senior players in the senior national tournament. It is a really good feeling to represent our respective states after a long time in the senior nationals. It is a great opportunity for the young players to gain some experience from the seniors. The coaching staff also gets a lot of energy after having senior players in their squad.

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England A beat India A to take the T20 series 2-1

AGENCIES @ Mumbai

ALL-ROUND performance from Issy Wong played a decisive role as England A defeated India A by two wickets to clinch the three-match T20 series 2-1. In a low-scoring thriller, India A scored 101 in 19.2 overs after electing to bat on a slow turner at the Wankhede Stadium. Earlier, it was a forgettable outing for the Indian batters in the series decider.

They struggled collectively with England bowlers exploiting the conditions better. In reply, England finished at 104/8 in 19.1 overs. Minnu Mani's side fought back hard but could not stop Issy (28 not out) from hitting the winning runs, having returned 2.2-0-18-2 earlier. **Brief scores:** India A 101 in 19.2 overs (Uma Chetry 21, Disha Kasat 20; Issy Wong 2/18, Kirstie Gordon 2/17, Lauren Filer 2/15) lost to England A 104/8 in 19.1 overs (Hollie Armitage 27, Issy Wong 28 n. o.; Shreyanka Patil 2/13, Minnu Mani 2/24)

EXPRESS READ

India looking to host 2029 World Athletics C'ships

AMRITSAR: India is set to bid for the 2029 World Athletics Championships after dropping its earlier intention to host the 2027 edition of the prestigious tournament, a top official of the national federation said on Sunday. The AFI was earlier considering to bid for the hosting rights of the 2027 World Athletics Championships but it is now learnt that it has dropped the plan and is instead looking to host the 2029 edition.

Abhinav claims men's rapid fire national title

BHOPAL: Rajasthan's Abhinav Choudhary clinched the men's 25m rapid fire pistol title at the national shooting championship here on Sunday. Abhinav shot a score of 30 in the final to outgun Uttar Pradesh's Ankur Goel, who finished with 26 hits to his name. Delhi's Arpit Goel was third with 21 at the MP State Shooting Academy range. Abhinav had earlier qualified for the top-six final round with a score of 584 in qualification.

Syed Modi: Ashwini-Tanisha pair goes down fighting in final

LUCKNOW: Indian pair of Ashwini Ponnappa and Tanisha Crasto produced a valiant fight before losing in a thrilling three-game women's doubles final at the Syed Modi International super 300 badminton tournament here on Sunday. The World No 32 Indian pair lost 14-21, 21-17, 15-21 against third seeds Rin Iwanaga and Kie Nakanishi of Japan in a 77-minute clash to make a creditable runner-up finish.

Rodrygo stars as Real reclaim top spot in La Liga

AGENCIES @ Girona

RODRYGO continued his fine goalscoring form to help Real Madrid ease to a 2-0 win over Granada on Saturday and reclaim the lead in La Liga.

After Catalan minnows Girona snatched a 2-1 win over Valencia they moved temporarily top, but Madrid slid back above them on goal difference on a tranquil evening in the capital.

Brahim Diaz opened the scoring midway through the first half and Rodrygo doubled the lead after 57 minutes at the Santiago Bernabeu.

The Brazilian forward has scored seven goals in his last five games across all competitions, appearing at the perfect time to keep Madrid's strong start to the season going despite various absences.

Madrid are missing several key figures through injury, from goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois to winger Vinicius Junior.

FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

Liverpool score late double to beat Fulham, Man City held by Spurs

AGENCIES @ London

LIVERPOOL produced a sensational finish to beat Fulham in a seven-goal thriller on Sunday as defending champions Manchester City were held 3-3 by Tottenham Hotspur on a dramatic day in the Premier League. Ten-man Chelsea shrugged off a red card for captain Conor Gallagher to edge Brighton 3-2 while West Ham drew 1-1 with Crystal Palace.

Liverpool appeared set for a rare and damaging home defeat but turned the tables on Fulham at Anfield with two late goals to close within two points of the top of the table.

Trent Alexander-Arnold helped set Liverpool on their way in the 20th minute, crashing a free-kick off the underside of the bar and into the net via the unfortunate Fulham goalkeeper Bernd Leno for an own goal.

But the visitors were level just four minutes later when Harry Wilson poked Antonee Robinson's cross past goalkeeper Caoimhin Kelleher, standing in for the injured Alisson Becker.

Alexis Mac Allister produced a moment of magic to restore Liverpool's lead, lashing a drive into the top corner from distance for his first goal for the club but Kenny Tete pounced from close range shortly before half-time to level.

Liverpool players celebrate after Trent Alexander-Arnold's goal against Fulham during the Premier League match at the Anfield stadium in Liverpool | AP

Fulham looked set for a sensational victory when they scored in the 80th minute, with substitute Bobby De Cordova-Reid leaping highest.

However, Liverpool were not finished. Mohamed Salah blasted over from close range as the home side pushed for an equaliser, but he then turned provider for Wataru Endo, who found the net from the edge of the box in the 87th minute.

A minute later they were ahead again when Alexander-Arnold drove the ball home after the ball fell to him just inside the box, sparking wild scenes at Anfield. Chelsea recorded just their second Premier League home win of the season against Brighton, despite being reduced to 10 men before half-time.

Results: Sunday: Bournemouth 2-2 Aston Villa; Chelsea 3-2 Brighton; Liverpool 4-3 Fulham; West Ham 1-1 Crystal Palace; Manchester City 3-3 Tottenham. **Saturday:** Newcastle 1-0 Man United.

When students travel abroad to pursue higher studies, how important is it for them to be acquainted with the laws of the land? **Lovely Majumdar** speaks to students from the UK and the US plus law experts to find out more

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Why should it be a necessity for students to know the rules of a foreign land?

WHEN it comes to pursuing education abroad, students tend to be mindful of the usual requisites needed to sail smoothly, some of them being finances, securing air tickets, checking visa status, looking for accommodation and the like. However, moving to another country would also mean reorienting oneself in a foreign land, bound by its own rules and laws, that are unconsciously ignored at times. Being conscious of the rights within the country's limits, can this be a necessity, and to what extent students are aware of it? Should they consider it a matter of exigency? *EdexLive* spoke to students pursuing their education abroad to seek answers to the aforementioned questions.

The laws, an overview

Sushant Singh, who is now pursuing his LLM (Master of Laws) from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, United Kingdom (UK), says that it is quite crucial for students heading to the UK to be heedful of the laws and policies. Indian students are required to comply with various laws, he says. "The Tier 4 (General) student visa necessitates adherence to immigration laws, including maintaining required attendance, informing authorities of any changes, and abiding by the visa conditions set by the UK Home Office."

The laws in the United States too require an international student to adhere to the visa norms. Pradipta Debnath, pursuing his PhD in Physics from Dartmouth College in the States says, that one must comply with the conditions of their student visa (F or J), including maintaining full-time enrollment; updating the Designated School Official (DSO), or Responsible Officer (RO) about any changes; and not engaging in unauthorised employment.

Not only this, Pradipta emphasises that strict adherence is not limited to following traffic regulations, respecting local ordinances, and complying with US tax laws, but the student also needs to report changes in one's address and academic programme. It is also vital to maintain health insurance coverage as required by one's institution, and to have a valid social security number (SSN).

A serious offence

Transgression of academic law is considered to be a serious offence, irrespective of the country. According to Pradipta, to thrive in one's academic journey, it is important to prioritise academic integrity.

Sushant distinctively focuses on plagiarism which is a serious offence, and talks about how academic misconduct can result in expulsion or penalties. "Universities in the UK reinforce various policies and are against any kind of academic dishonesty," he states.

Freedom to express

When it comes to self-expression, students are likely to demonstrate against any prejudices, be it a local or a global phenomenon but to what extent are students allowed to join protests or organise one? Sushant, who is an Ambedkarite activist and is the President of the Student Union at SOAS, says that students are allowed to participate in peaceful demonstrations within university limits, but adds that there might be limitations, and actions should align with laws on public order and there should be no disorderly conduct or incitement to violence, in compliance with the Public Order Act 2023.

The United States, too, upholds the principle of free speech, although with prescribed limits and students can engage in discourse on various topics, says Debnath, who is also a member of the Graduate Student Council. "In Dartmouth, graduate students have a recognised union based on the National Labor Relations Board regulations, working for students' cause, but the contact between the university and the union has not been great and they do not readily accept the demands."

He further says that students have also been arrested on occasions and were charged with criminal trespassing and misdemeanour. Regrettably, students' scholarships have been revoked on occasions, he adds but says that despite this, one should advocate for justice driven by a desire to bring a positive change in society.

Finding more details

When asked if there are any sources where one could get information regarding laws, Sushant informed *EdexLive* that students can look for circulars by the UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA), and can contact the Home Office, which offers guidance on visa regulations, work permissions, and relevant general laws.

In the case of the USA, relevant information can be found on official government websites such as the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and the Department of State.

Don't ignore these

Sushant who had completed his BA LLB (Honours) from the National Law University, Delhi, reasons that compliance with immigration laws, visa conditions, work permissions, academic integrity policies, and cultural norms is crucial and the violation of these laws could have severe consequences, including visa revocation and deportation. The same law applies to students in the States.

As per Pradipta, there are a few commitments a student should be ready to make before going abroad, which include, maintaining full-time enrollment, making academic progress, complying with the school's policies, adhering to the rules related to employment, including on-campus work limits and optional practical training (OPT) regulations, and abiding by Duration of Status, which means one must comply with the terms of their visa for the entire duration of stay.

BALAKISTA REDDY,
Dean, Mahindra University, Hyderabad

The concept of law and legal rights differs from place to place, as a result of which, the rights and protection under law that international student avail depends upon their respective country of choice for higher education

PRADIPTA DEBNATH
PhD Physics from Dartmouth College, US

As much as I can, I try to stay informed about the important laws and since I am on the Graduate Student Council, I need to stay updated on rules and regulations anyway since I get those questions from other students all the time and it helps!

SUSHANT SINGH,
LLM, SOAS, University of London, UK

Students may fear repercussions for speaking up against injustice. Universities usually have support systems, like student unions or counselling services, to assist students facing such issues, emphasising protection of free speech while ensuring safety

PRABHASH RANJAN,
Associate Professor, SAU, New Delhi

If the student gets into any kind of legal difficulty, they have to navigate through the legal system of that country. If the student gets into grievous trouble, then the Indian High Commission in the UK can intervene and provide counsellor access

USA

AS an international student in the United States of America, you would get to enjoy the same basic rights as American students and citizens. But there are differences as well.

Immigration Laws
International students in the USA usually hold an F-1 visa. Compliance with visa regulations, like maintaining the required course load, is crucial to avoid legal issues or deportation.

Employment Laws
International students must understand work authorisation options to gain professional experience. This includes programmes like Optional Practical Training (OPT) and Curricular Practical Training (CPT), offering opportunities within their field of study, but be aware of limitations. Consulting with a designated school official (DSO) or the international student office is advised for guidance on employment opportunities.

Campus Safety Laws
US varsities prioritise campus safety, as mandated by the Clery Act, which promotes transparency and empowers students. Take note of reporting procedures and use available resources. Implement personal safety measures, like using well-lit paths, and stay informed about emergency protocols.

Healthcare Laws
Familiarise yourself with your university's insurance policy and available healthcare options. Be proactive about seeking medical assistance when needed.

Privacy Laws
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act grants rights to access and control of education records. Use caution online, adjust social media privacy settings, and report privacy violations. Knowing and protecting your privacy rights creates a safer study environment.

Alcohol and Drug Laws
International students should know that underage drinking and drug use have serious consequences, including legal and academic repercussions. Adhering to the legal drinking age of 21 is crucial, and understanding campus policies is essential for maintaining student status and future opportunities.

Canada

THE Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms applies to Canadian nationals as well as newcomers to the country – and as an international student, you are guaranteed some basic freedoms and rights in Canada.

Employment Laws
International students may be eligible to work on or off-campus as per the conditions outlined by the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Department. Understanding eligibility criteria and restrictions is crucial.

Healthcare Laws
International students may be required to enroll in provincial healthcare plans, and it's important to understand the coverage provided.

Taxation Laws
International students may have tax obligations in Canada, even if they are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents. Seeking advice from tax professionals is recommended.

UK

THE United Kingdom was seen as one of the most friendly study destinations, however, new laws introduced by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's government are expected to make entry into the UK a bit more challenging for international students.

Employment Laws
You can work up to 20 hours per week during term time and full-time during holidays. The Minimum Wage Act in the UK mandates employees to pay their workers. Check your visa conditions and consult your university's career services for advice on finding employment. Students who are employed must pay taxes on their wages.

Healthcare Laws
The National Health Service (NHS) provides healthcare for residents in the UK. As an international student, you may be eligible for free healthcare through the NHS, depending on the duration and type of your visa. Register with a local General Practitioner (GP) to access medical services.

EU

INTERNATIONAL students studying in the European Union are entitled to different rights based on the country they study in.

Work Rights
In a single semester, international students can work up to four hours a day and 20 hours a week.

Freedom of Movement
If non-EU students hold a valid residence permit for one EU country, it may grant them access to other Schengen countries.

Residence Registration
International students may be required to register their residence with local authorities, depending on the host country's regulations. This is typically a legal requirement and failing to do so may lead to penalties.

Working after Graduation
Few EU countries offer special visas or permits that allow international students to stay and work in the country after graduation.

Australia

THE Australian government has enacted appropriate laws to ensure that educational quality for international students remains high and does not suffer.

Visa Laws
The Student visa (subclass 500) allows you to stay in Australia for up to five years to study full-time at an educational institution as per your enrollment.

Healthcare Laws
International students are required to have health insurance coverage while in Australia. The Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) provides access to a range of medical services.

Work Rights
Most international students on a student visa are allowed to work up to 40 hours per two weeks during the regular academic session and full-time during scheduled breaks. They are also entitled to receive at least the minimum wage set by the Australian government.

Academic Rights
Students have the right to fair assessment, access to resources, and a supportive learning environment. All courses must be accredited by the Australian government.

Filing complaints
Any overseas student can file a complaint with the Overseas Students Ombudsman, which is the only entity in Australia with the authority to investigate complaints about private education and training institutions.

Protecting rights
The Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act protects the rights of all overseas students in Australia, covering everything from financial protections to job rights, student welfare, and grievances.

Tuition Protection Service
The Australian Government established the Tuition Protection Service (TPS) to help international students in case their institution is unable to properly deliver their degree. This enables students to seek a refund, or they can also contact the TPS if they haven't commenced or stopped the course.

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What rights do international students have in the country of their choice? What laws must they remember to adhere to? Here is an examination of those questions, as per each region

NAVIGATING THE GLOBE

International Students' Guide to Laws & Rights Worldwide

What if...

WHEN in a foreign country, if students are threatened by an imminent danger, what is the protection accorded to them and to what extent can the government help? Dr Prabhash Ranjan, Associate Professor, Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University (SAU), New Delhi, and Dr Balakista Reddy, Professor of Law and Dean, School of Law, Mahindra University, Hyderabad shed some light

PROTECTION ACCORDED BY THE GOVERNMENT

1 Prof Balakista Reddy says that matters related to the safety of the student and for other issues, there are Indian missions, High Commissions and embassies. He mentions MADAD, a portal overseen by the Ministry of External Affairs, via which, consular complaints can be filed with the Indian government. Prof Prabhash Ranjan brings forth a vital point that students do not enjoy diplomatic immunity nor can they seek help from a counsellor. They will have to comply with the domestic laws of the foreign land

PROTECTION AGAINST HATE CRIMES

2 Prof Ranjan, who pursued his PhD from King's College London, UK, talks about how the government can only act as a pressure point and if any student is subjected to hate crime, it can only be managed by the local police. He says, "There are limitations. Sometimes certain issues can be raised diplomatically, but in a foreign territory, the Indian Government will have no jurisdiction"

CAN ONE SEEK LEGAL HELP FROM INDIA?

3 Prof Reddy says that the educational services for overseas students framework can provide legal assistance for issues like passport, tuition protection, work visa information, insurance, taxes, and so on, and can make students aware of their legal rights in a foreign country, but Prof Ranjan adds that when it comes to severe issues or crimes committed, the students will have to go through the rigours of the domestic legal system

WHAT IF THE STUDENT IS IMPRISONED UNFAIRLY?

4 Prof Reddy advises that the Indian Embassy be approached immediately. "After relaying the information to the local Foreign Office, and other relevant authorities, they obtain consular access to the person and guarantee their welfare. The embassy makes arrangements for Indian detainees to receive pro bono legal representation in certain nations," he counsels. They can seek the local authorities to expedite trials, offer legal advice and more.

DO CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS APPLY?

5 The experts opine that although students come under the jurisdiction of basic laws as prescribed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other Human Rights Conventions, they eventually come under the jurisdiction of the country's laws where they are studying. Prof Ranjan says that the Indian Constitution does not have any extraterritorial jurisdiction, and the laws and rights differ from one country to the other.

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DAY'S DIARY

Death anniversary

Frank Zappa, an American composer, guitarist, and satirist of the 1960s, 70s, and 80s, died on this day in 1993, Los Angeles, California

ABOUT THE ARTISTE

The artiste was born on December 21, 1940, in Baltimore, Maryland. He was a prolific workaholic who released more than 60 albums in his 30-year career

FIRST ALBUM

His first release with The Mothers of Invention, *Freak Out!* (1966), was a key influence on the Beatles' *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*

ACHIEVEMENTS

Zappa was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1995, and he received the Grammy Award for lifetime achievement in 1997

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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SUNDAY blues

BENGALURU'S overcast weather didn't dampen the spirit of cricket lovers in the city, who queued up at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium, which played host to the India vs Australia match – the fifth T20I game on Sunday. Along with painting their faces with tricolours and wearing the team jersey, fans revelled in the support for the Indian team, which is led by Suryakumar Yadav.

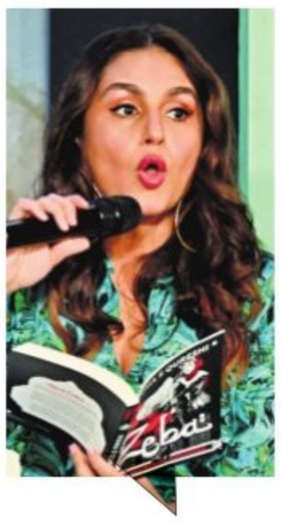
PICS: SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

LORES GALORE IN BANGALORE

The 12th edition of the Bangalore Literature Festival concluded on Sunday after a weekend full of engaging discussions and debates

POOJA DAS & MONIKA MONALISA

BETWEEN a sunny Saturday and a rainy Sunday, Bengaluru saw the convergence of close to 30,000 people at the annual Bangalore Literature Fest 2023 which celebrated prolific writers while engaging in important discussions around gender, identity, migration, histories and the human condition. The festival, held at LaLiT Ashok, brought together not only notable personalities like former Member of Parliament in the Rajya Sabha MV Rajeev Gowda, former Ministry of Culture Secretary Abhijit Sengupta, and writer Poile Sengupta, but also created a space for many to meet their favourite authors. Bengaluru boy and standup comedian Kanan Gill, and actor Huma Qureshi were also at the fest to speak about their debut books *Acts of God*, and *Zeba: An Accidental Superhero*, respectively.



SIBLING REVELRY
AMISH

BLF is an encapsulation of Bengaluru's reading habit. My sister Bhavna Roy and I have written *Idols* together, which explains the concept of murti puja. While we are such proud idol worshippers, it's a practice that teaches intuitive liberalism, environmentalism, and respect for multiple truths. Since we are one of the last surviving idol-worshipping cultures, we wanted to speak of those philosophies. I am working on a new fiction novel on Rajendra Chola which I hope to release soon as well as the fifth book of the *Ramachandra Series* which can also be read as the prequel to the *Shiva Trilogy*.

WRITE TURN
HUMA QURESHI

I love Bengaluru and I am so happy that my book's debut happened here. I don't like sitting still and the idea came to me around the end of 2018. Not just *Zeba*, all the characters in the book are me; whether it's the dictator or the father. The book is about an ill-behaved woman who becomes a superhero. In the larger context, I have created a fantasy fiction and it's about a make-believe kingdom that has an evil king and how *Zeba* manages to overthrow him.

'TRANSLATIONS IMPORTANT TO ANY CULTURE'
VIVEK SHANBHAG

BLF is a significant literary festival because of the diversity and discussions we have here and the seriousness with which it's done. *Sakina's Kiss* has recently been translated into English from Kannada. Translations are always important to any culture. It is not for the author, it is for the receiving language. I have grown up reading translations from all over the world and we have to see it from the 'receiving end'.

COMIC RELIEF
KANAN GILL

MY book, *Acts of God*, will release next month. A sense of freedom and playfulness was essential to the form of the book, which is also a part of my personality. I would do a disservice to myself if I wasn't as free as I wanted to be. Most things that you do in life are annoying, so you have to extract fun from any given situation, which is what I told myself about every character and every situation.

Crowd-puller

THERE was a sense of familiarity about **Abraham Verghese**'s *The Covenant of Water*, set around three generations of a family from Kerala. The familiarity could also be after talkshow host Oprah Winfrey described his book as 'magnificent'. The 68-year-old physician said the story, which took 14 years to develop, might have come from his closet space at home, but has left it to the readers to interpret. "I expect readers to get a different version of the book. But everyone is an individual and takes the story and makes it their own. But if you hate the book, then you and I are going to have a problem (laughs)," he said.

FOOD AND FAITH
DEVDUTT PATTANAIK

I have been part of the last few editions of BLF and can see how it has evolved each year. Being a mythologist, I try to understand how people follow certain practices. Faith is all about human insecurities. We don't break faith, only a cruel person does. We are all insecure and looking for answers. Other than Jain food, I don't think people have access to what Jainism is. In other religions, the idea of offering food to God does not exist. In India, this act is very important but in Jainism, you don't offer food, one of the subjects I explore in my recent book, *Bahubali: 63 Insights into Jainism*.

ROOT CAUSE
PERUMAL MURUGAN

Migration has always been a central theme of whatever I have written. This particular migrant experience is quintessential and the inspiration for *Fire Bird*, which won the JCB 2023 for Literature in November. It came from the life of one of my ancestors. In his migration, I questioned what Muthu [the protagonist] was seeking and it emerged to me that this was true for the larger human condition itself.

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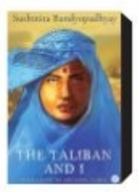
BOOK NOOK

Igniting Collective Goodness

Mann Ki Baat @ 100

BlueKraft Digital Foundation showcases the life journeys, initiatives, and milestones that moulded the monthly radio broadcast by PM Narendra Modi that ignited a social revolution across India, as it reached its 100th episode.



The Taliban and I

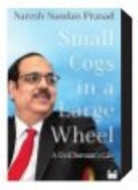
By Sushmita Bandyopadhyay, translated by Arunava Sinha

A first-person account of the Indian author's oppressive encounter with the Taliban in Afghanistan. Post her marriage with Jaanbaz Khan, she moved to Afghanistan, where she was killed in 2013, presumably by the Taliban.

Sisters Under the Rising Sun

By Heather Morris

The author dwells on the sisterhood, bravery and friendship that two women — Nesta and Norah — use to make their way through the 1942 Singapore-Japan conflict.



Small Cogs in a Large Wheel

By Naresh Nandan Prasad

A memoir that helps one understand civil servant services through Prasad's anecdotes of his training days at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration to his chance of working in three states — Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Queer Harmony

The play *Amma Mattu Suhail*, a celebration of queer love, navigating through raw human emotions, emphasises empathy and dialogue as catalysts for bridging differences. The narrative delves into the psychological and emotional struggles, offering a poignant exploration of our divided humanity.

When: Dec 5, 7.30pm **Where:** Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar **Details:** bookmyshow.com

A Night of Hilarity

Go watch some of the best comics from the city try out their new and old material at this standup mic, organised by Shreeks Comedy

When: Dec 5, 9pm
Where: Dropouts Pub, Kalyan Nagar
Details: bookmyshow.com

Colombian Fusion

Indulge in the acoustic Andean music from the highlands of Colombia as Los Rolling Ruanas, one of Colombia's musical groups is set for their debut performance, the proceeds of which will go to the India Foundation for the Arts, an independent, nationwide, not-for-profit organisation.

When: Dec 4, 9pm **Where:** URU Brewpark, JP Nagar Details: bookmyshow.com

INSPIRATIONAL INSIGHTS

Embark on a journey of inspiration at TEDxCHRIST University with prominent speakers representing diverse fields sharing their transformative insights.

When: Dec 4, 8.45am
Where: Christ University, SG Palya
Details: bookmyshow.com

Handicraft Art

DIY Mosaic Art session, the art of decorating a laser-cut surface by placing little pieces of colourful high-quality glass mosaic tiles, aims not just to create an art piece with all necessary tools and techniques but also to use this art as room décor.

When: Dec 4, 12.24am
Where: Awesome Place, Nagawara
Details: bookmyshow.com

Theatre Time

Go watch the play *Jugaari*, which revolves around the lives of the village residents who engage in illegal activities to make a living and sheds light on the issues faced by the people living in the riverbank villages.

When: Dec 4, 7.30pm
Where: Kalagrama, Nagarbhavi
Details: bookmyshow.com

Bonfire Anecdotes

At storytelling around a bonfire, enjoy an event that encourages the weaving and sharing of personal narratives with the warmth of connection and candour, and sharing the moments of human experience with a community. **When:** Dec 5, 7pm **Where:** Small World, S. T. Bed, Koramangala **Details:** bookmyshow.com

CANINE CHAMPIONS

Saint Bernards participate at the All Breed Championship Dog Show hosted by Bangalore Canine Club at Hebbal on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

QUICK FIX

CAESAR SALAD

INGREDIENTS

- **Extra-virgin olive oil:** For drizzling
- **Lettuce:** 2 bunches (chopped)
- **Roasted Chickpeas:** 1.5 cups
- **Parmesan cheese:** 1/3 cup
- **Green olives:** 1 tsp (minced)
- **Radishes:** 2 (thinly sliced)
- **Salt and black pepper:** To taste
- **Bread:** 1/2 cup (cubed)
- **Dijon mustard:** 1 tsp
- **Garlic clove:** 1/2 (minced)
- **Black pepper:** To taste
- **Virgin olive oil:** 1 tbsp
- **Lemon juice:** 1 tbsp
- **Yogurt:** 1/3 cup
- **Almonds:** 2 tbsp (toasted)

Contributed by **Anna Mary George,** Kottayam

METHOD

- Preheat the oven to 350°F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- Make the croutons. Place the bread cubes on the baking sheet, toss with olive oil and salt, and bake for 10 minutes.
- In a bowl, mix the yogurt, olive oil, lemon juice, mustard, garlic, olives, and black pepper. Add salt to taste.
- Add lettuce on a plate. Add half of the dressing, and sprinkle with the radishes, croutons and chickpeas.
- Drizzle rest of the dressing. Add almonds and cheese. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

URDHVA BADDHA HASTASANA IN VIRABHADRASANA 1

(RAISED BOUND HANDS IN WARRIOR 1)

This asana is considered an advanced pose. The twisting needs effort using the flexibility of the shoulder muscles. This helps boost energy in the body and hence is included in flow yoga sequences.

STEPS

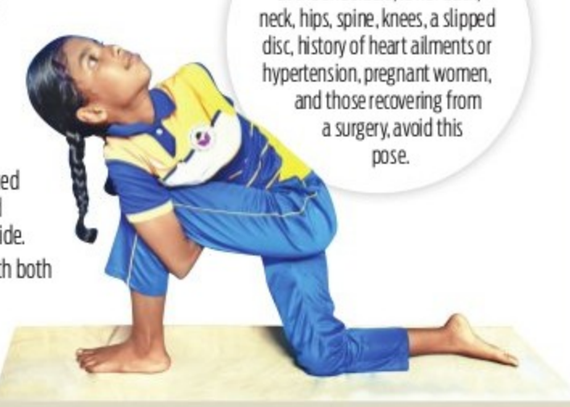
- Start in Parivrtta Trikonasana (Revolved Triangle Pose). Exhale and bend the right knee as you twist more towards the right, pressing the left leg on the floor.
- Make sure that your right knee, ankle and toes are in the same line on the floor.
- Inhale, take the right arm from below and around the left thigh. Exhale, take the left arm from behind, twisting the shoulders and chest. Pulling the belly in as you exhale, twist deeper towards the left and interlock the hands from behind.
- Ensure the left foot, right knee and right toes are in alignment. Look up as you stay in balance using the abdominal muscles.
- Twist and stay as you breath deep and slow for about 3-4 breaths.
- Release and come back to Utthita Tadasana (Five Pointed Star Pose). Relax and repeat on the other side.
- Once you are done with both sides, release, relax, and repeat.

BENEFITS

- Keeps the involved muscles active, strong, flexible and supports the respective organs.
- Encourages the glands to function well, keeping the various systems in the body active.
- Muscles around the shoulders, arms, and chest get flexible enough to go deep in posture.
- Qualities of self-confidence, trust, and endurance, which are related to the Manipura Chakra (Solar Plexus), are activated.
- Maximum use of the diaphragm and the chest muscles are encouraged with deep breathing.
- Breathing from the upper body comes naturally when the arms are in a bind as the chest opens.

LIMITATIONS

People who have injuries at the shoulders, lower back, neck, hips, spine, knees, a slipped disc, history of heart ailments or hypertension, pregnant women, and those recovering from a surgery, avoid this pose.



By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

THE RAILWAY MEN (Hindi, series)

Based on a true story about the 1984 Bhopal gas leak, this series pays tribute to the Railway workers who saved hundreds of lives.

Cast: Madhavan, Kay Kay Menon, Divyendu Sharma, Babil Khan

- **Watch on:** Netflix

SCAM 2003: THE TELGI STORY (Hindi, series)

The unravelling of the story of Abdul Karim Telgi, the mastermind behind the scam that shook the country in 2003.

Cast: Gagan Dev Rair, Sana Amin Sheik, Bhavana Balsaver, Bharat Jadhav

- **Watch on:** Sony LIV

APURVA (Hindi)

The female protagonist travelling to Agra from Gwalior is kidnapped by heartless criminals and how she outwits them.

Cast: Tara Sutaria, Dhairya Karwa, Rajpal Yadav

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

AARYA 3 (Hindi, series)

A feared gangster and mother, Aarya boldly faces all personal and professional challenges thrown at her.

Cast: Sushmita Sen, Vikas Kumar, Virti Vaghani

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

BOYS HOSTEL (Telugu)

Shock spreads among students of Thunga boys hostel, when Ajit, an aspiring filmmaker writes a script wherein the warden dies. When the warden dies and leaves a note blaming Ajit and his friends, they fall into deep but comedic trouble.

Cast: Prajwal BP, Manjunath nayaka, Rajesh Rajkumar

- **Watch on:** ETV Win

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

CHITHHA (Telugu)

Eeswaran is in turmoil as he learns his niece whom he raised like his own daughter, has gone missing. The movie shows determined Eshwar on the search for his niece.

Cast: Siddharth, Nimisha Sajayan, Sahasra Shree

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

BHAGAVANTH KESARI (Telugu)

Kesari persuades Viji, whose relation is explored later, to join the army but she is uninterested. Rahul Sanghvi pursues her for a reason yet to be discovered.

Cast: Nandamuri Balakrishna, Kajal Aggarwal, Sreeleela

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

FAMILY SWITCH (English)

A family switches bodies during a rare cosmic event and the journey of finding their way back into their bodies brings the family closer than ever.

Cast: Jennifer Garner, Emma Myers, Ed Helms, Brady Noon

- **Watch on:** Netflix

SEE YOU ON VENUS (English)

A teen orphan is on the hunt for her biological mother. She meets a young man who is recovering from the guilt of a fatal accident and convinces him to join her.

Cast: Virginia Gardener, Alex Aiono, Rob Estes

- **Watch on:** Netflix

SLY (English, documentary)

Sylvester Stallone, a Hollywood legend, tells his story in this documentary.

Cast: Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Quentin Tarantino

- **Watch on:** Netflix

ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE (English, series)

Marie-Laure, a blind French teenager and Werner, a German soldier meet paths in occupied France during WW2.

Cast: Aria Mia Loberti, Louis hofmann, lars Eidinger

- **Watch on:** Netflix

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REPRESENTED BY ART

Politicians are like our next door neighbours. We see them every day — in our newspapers, delivering their fiery speeches on our screens and smiling from the million posters that line our city walls. They are an intrinsic part of our daily lives. We think we know them as there can't be anything private about their lives, but then, do we really? **Jitha Karthikeyan** presents a rare glimpse into the artistic side of some of our *netas* that may completely surprise you

A Prime Minister's canvas

Late former Indian Prime Minister, VP Singh may have strived to paint rosy pictures for the nation as a politician, but he also painted haunting pictures, away from the political arena. He started as an accomplished photographer and went on to do pencil sketches, until his political career put his artistic pursuits on hold. For years, he painted without ever bringing it to the public eye, doubting the quality of his work – an insecurity that most artists experience. On the insistence of his friends, he finally held an exhibition and to his astonishment, most of the paintings sold out! Although nature dominated his canvases earlier, he slowly turned to human forms in his post-political life. "I did politics with my head but I paint with my heart," he once remarked.

When the CM paints

Mamata Banerjee's penchant for painting has often managed to court controversy. Fondly called Didi by her supporters, the Chief Minister of West Bengal has always been open about her love for art. However, not everyone was amused when she proclaimed that the sale of her paintings fetched a whopping amount, which was of course contributed to the CM Relief Fund. She has actively defended her decision to use her art for the political causes she believed in and continues to paint despite all the ups and downs of a public life.

The President's portrait

The world knows him as the former President of the United States, a position so powerful that it simply overshadows anything else he can ever be. George W Bush started painting after his presidency ended, and managed to keep it secret until 2013 when his sister's e-mail account was hacked and images of his art were leaked. Surprised at first by the attention, Bush soon acknowledged his interest in art and made his paintings public. In the years that followed, Bush has continued to paint. His series titled, Portraits of Courage, features war veterans he had encountered in military hospitals. His canvases bear images of their once seriously injured faces. The psychological scars that the troops still carry from the war he sent them to fight may have left a wound on him too perhaps.

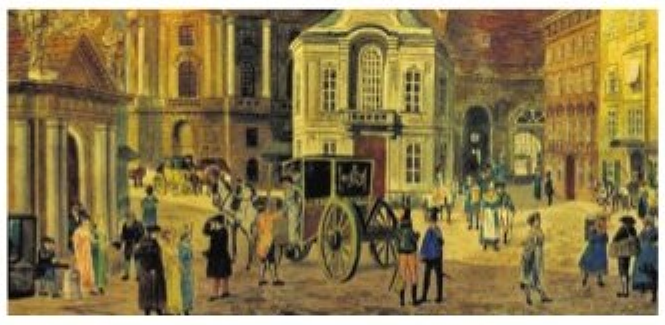
The king's watercolours

Britain's reigning monarch, King Charles III, started painting in the 1970s after he was inspired by his art master in school, who guided the artist in him. Primarily painting with watercolours, the king often paints outdoors, favouring the beauty of nature as his subject. A quick painter, he once stated that he preferred to complete his paintings soon, in order to not keep his security guards waiting for too long. The king's art has been displayed across the world and all proceeds from the sale of his artworks are directed to his charity.

The disgruntled dictator

The last thing on Earth that anyone would associate Adolf Hitler with is art. The infamous dictator of Germany who rose to power as the leader of the Nazi Party will always be remembered for starting the Second World War and for his systematic murder of six million Jews during the Holocaust. Not many though, know of the dreams he nursed of becoming an artist. As a young man, he failed to get admitted into the Vienna Academy of Fine Arts despite two attempts. He survived by painting postcards and watercolours to earn a living. With the outbreak of the First World War, his life took a different turn and his days as a struggling artist ended.

Hitler though, was not one to take his rejection by the Arts Academy lightly. His shock and disappointment back then, turned into an intolerance for modern art. In 1937 at the peak of his power, he seized around 16,000 artworks from various German museums and held a degenerative art show, intentionally displaying the priceless artworks in an unaesthetic manner with no care. He even hired people to criticise the art. The show, however, attracted three million viewers, while another exhibition he held at the same time with art that he had personally approved had barely any footfalls. Most of Hitler's own paintings were destroyed under his command but there still remain several of his artworks with the biggest collection housed in the International Museum of World War II, in the US.



Politicians may never fit into the identity of an artist because their primary identity that the world recognises them for, will always be that of a leader. With most of them finding the time to indulge in their interest only very late in life, their purpose is beyond making a career of art or even being acknowledged. They paint simply because they owe it to themselves when the dust settles over a life dedicated to public affairs.

GRUB HUB

Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a hospitality professional with experience in business development, sales and marketing with well-known hotels, and food and beverage companies. A few of his passions are travel, food and wine, and he enjoys sharing these experiences as a columnist.

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CITY READ

Session on succession and estate planning for women on December 7

The Bengaluru chapter of Millennium Mams, an organisation that focuses on financial literacy and investments for women will collaborate with Yellow, an organisation that provides estate and succession planning solutions, to host an event on succession and estate planning, and will-making for women. The event is set to take place on December 7, 4pm onwards at Purva Premier, Residency Road. Millennium Mams, which helps women in financial well-being, is the force behind this initiative, aiming to educate their members on matters of financial prudence. The event will delve into topics, including women's rights in Indian succession laws, asset discovery strategies, and the vital distinction between nominees and heirs. Attendees can look forward to a session covering the requirements for a valid will, providing them with actionable knowledge to safeguard their assets and ensure a smooth transition of wealth.

Nikhil Varghese and Aditi Joshi

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I, TAHA, S/o. Najmuddin Kagalwala, aged about 44 years, and Resident of No.75/1, Mufaddal Manzil, Bohra Layout, Gottigere, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560 083, have changed my name to **TAHA KAGALWALA** Vide Affidavit dated 24.11.2023 sworn before advocate and notary Lakshmaiah, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VENKATARAVANAMMA K** D/o Nageshwara Rao, Aged about 20 years, Residing at: No.135, Thippasandra, New Thippasandra, Bengaluru-560075, have changed my name from **VENKATA RAVANAMMA. K to RAVANA. K,** vide affidavit dated 2/12/2023 sworn to before K.Ramegowda advocate and notary Bangalore.

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CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **DILEEP SHENOY** (old name) S/O Vittal Pajekar Shenoy, aged About 44 years Residing at No.B1 601, 6th Floor, KHB Diamond Township, BSM Extension ,Kengeri Satellite Town, Kengeri,Bangalore 560060. I have changed my name as **DILEEP VITTAL PAJEKAR SHENOY** , Affidavit Dated 01/12/2023 Sworn before Notary Deepa M, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Shashank M, S/o. C K Muralidhar, R/a. No. 256, Gods Gift, 12th Cross, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Balaji Medicals, BEML Layout, Basaveshwaranagar Bangalore- 560079. I have changed my minor Son name from Divyank. S To **DIVYANK SHASHANK**. Vide affidavit date: 1.12.2023. Sworn before Notary: H H Nagaraj.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SYLAJA TONDAMANATI** W/o **Venkata Tirumala Kondepudi** R/at No.308 Krishna Lake view apartment Yediyur 6th block, Jayanagar Bengaluru- 560070 have changed my name to **SAILAJA TONDAMANATI** vide affidavit dated: 16/11/2023 before Notary **Aravind Patil G.G** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) GOWRI KUMARI PU wife of JC-642649-X Ex -Nb Sub (Hony Sub) Uthaiah PK residing at No 8, VS Willows Apartment, Flat No 501, RK Mutt Road, Halasuru, Bangalore-560008, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) GOWRI KUMARI PU to (NEW NAME) GOWRI KUMARI MC** vide affidavit dated 01/12/2023 sworn before Notary A.R. Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **CHANDRASHEKAR SHANKARAPPA**, S/o Shankarappa, R/at SLV Mansion, SMR Complex, House No. GD, Behind Vinayaka Temple, Bellandur, Bengaluru-560103, have changed my name to **CHANDRASHEKAR SHETTY SHANKARAPPA,** vide affidavit dated 02-12-2023, before Notary **S.I. BALAGURU,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JAGADEESHA.H.P,** S/o. Paramesha. H.R, aged about Major, residing at Hulukodu, Avaradalu Hobli, Somavarapete Taluk, Kodagu-571235, have changed my name from **JAGADISH.H.P, to JAGADEESHA. H.P,** vide affidavit dated 29/11/2023 sworn to before R.S.Vijay advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JANNATHUL ASFIYA MOHAMMED JAMALUDEEN,** W/o Mohammed Jamaludeen, R/o No. 202, Krishna Krupa Apartment, Kaggadaspura 6th E Cross, C V Raman nagar Bangalore - 560093, have permanently changed my name from **JANNATHUL ASFIYA MOHAMMED JAMALUDEEN** to **JANNATHUL ASFIYA,** vide affidavit dated 29/11/2023, sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **VISHWANATH HOSMANI, S/o. NAGANNA,** Aged 67 years, Residing at # 356, 'SIDDHA', 1st Stage, 3rd Main, 4th Block, HBR Layout, Bengaluru - 560043, do hereby declare that, **VISHWANATH HOSMANI, S/o NAGANNA @ VISHWANATHA HOSAMANI, S/o NAGANNA HOSAMANI @ VISWANATH HOSAMANI @ VISHWANATH HOSAMANI** are one and the same but Henceforth, I would like stand corrected my name and be pronounced and spell as **VISHWANATH HOSMANI, S/o NAGANNA** only and not in any other manner as mentioned above. Vide affidavit dated 02.12.2023 sworn to before P.N. Nagesha, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Vikas Kamath S/o. Vasudev Madhav Kamath residing at A804, Century Breeze Apts, Nehru Nagar, Shivanahalli, Jakkur Road, Bangalore-560064 have changed my name to **VIKAS VASUDEV KAMATH** via Affidavit dated 01.12.2023 sworn before Notary Y.R. Chandrasekar, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BALVIR KAUR** legal spouse of JC-512047A Nb Sub Balwinder Singh residing at Vill : Shinh Chathial, PO: Garhdiwala, Teh : Dasuya, Dist : Hoshiarpur, State : Pb, PIN : 144207 have changed my date of birth from 17 Jun 1982 to 17 Dec 1982 and Name from **BALBIR KAUR** to **BALVIR KAUR** vide affidavit No.IN-KA40288002643313V before Civil City Court Leela, Dated 13.11.2023 Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) AANCHAL D/o JC-413696H Sub Maj Bharat Singh, residing at No.(Vill - Bansi, PO-Sendhikhal, Teh Lansdowne, Dist - Pauri, State - Uttar Pradesh Pin-246155), have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) AANCHAL to (NEW NAME) AANCHAL RAWAT** vide affidavit dated 01.12.2023 sworn before Notary Leela, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, BHEEMSHANKAR P K, aged about 34 years, S/o Prabhu, R/at House No. 1020/E, 9th Main, 3rd 'A' Cross, Vijaya Bank Colony, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560076, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **BHEEMASHANKAR to BHEEMSHANKAR P K,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **BHEEMSHANKAR P K.** only, vide affidavit dated 02-12-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R.S. VIJAY** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SYED TANVIR AHMED, S/o Syed Mukhtar Ahmed, R/at No. 24, 3rd G Main Road, Nagamma Layout, Kavalbyrasandra, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560032, have changed my name to **SYED TANVEER AHMED,** vide affidavit dated 02-12-2023, before Notary Advocate **L. GOPALAKRISHNA,** Bengaluru.

NAME CHANGE

I, Ibrahim Shaq son of Ismail Miya, holder of Indian Passport No. S5763384, issued at Dubai, on 17/05/2018, permanent resident of #73 Mehdi Nagar, Mallayan Doddi, Channapatna, Bangalore, 571501, Karnataka and presently residing at Building No. 78, Flat 203, Shabiya 11, Mussafah, Abu Dhabi, UAE, do hereby change my name from Ibrahim Shaq to Ibrahim Shaik, with immediate effect.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMMED JAMALUDEEN,** father of Faheema Ilhaam Mohammed Jamaludeen, R/o No. 202, Krishna Krupa Apartment, Kaggadaspura 6th E Cross, C V Raman nagar Bangalore - 560093, have permanently changed my Daughter's name from **FAHEEMA ILHAAM MOHAMMED JAMALUDEEN** to **FAHEEMA ILHAAM** vide affidavit dated 29/11/2023, sworn before Notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ARCHANA SHASHIDHARA,** Aged about 37 years, W/o. Shashidhara D R, Residing at No. 76, 18th Main, Near PES College, 2nd Cross, BSK 1st Stage, Bangalore - 560 050, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ARCHANA ARUN KONERI** to **ARCHANA SHASHIDHARA** vide affidavit dated 02.12.2023 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate and Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NANJESH** S/o **Ramachandra.B.C,** R/at No.129/1, Chowdeshwari Nilaya, 5th Cross, Maruthinagar, Vrushabhavathinagar, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore- 560079, have changed my name to **NANJESH BANANAKERE RAMACHANDRA** vide affidavit dated: 1/12/2023 Before Notary **Ratna.N** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Srikanth S, S/o. Shivaramu, R/a. No. 148, 2nd Cross, Nagarur Colony, Dasanapura, Bangalore-562123. I have changed my Minor Daughter name from Rakshadeepa. S. Gowda To **RAKSHADEEPA. S.** Vide affidavit date: 1.12.2023. Sworn before Notary: H H Nagraj.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, H.L.RESHMA D/o. H.E.Lokesh, residing at #17, Near Mariyamma Temple, Vinayaka Layout, Kaveri Nagar, Mahadevapura Post, Bengaluru 560048, have changed my name to **GANGAAMBIIKE.H.L,** vide Affidavit Dated: 02/12/2023 sworn before Notary S.RAMESH, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, NAGESH .M, aged about 36 years, S/o Munivenkatappa, permanent address: #274, Muthsandra Main Road, Sorahunase, Jantha Colony, Varthur, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560087, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **NAGESH M and NAGESHA** are one and the same and belongs to me henceforth I shall be known and called as **NAGESH M** vide affidavit dated 01-12-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **VYSHALI .K** at Bangalore.

ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಶುಭ ಎಂ.ಎಸ್, (46 ವರ್ಷ) ಆದ ನಾನು ನಂ. 102/103, ನ್ಯಾಷನಲ್ ಕಾನ್ವೆಂಟ್ ಶಾಲೆ ರಸ್ತೆ, ವಿಠಲ್ ನಗರ, ಎರಡನೇ ಹಂತ, ಇಸ್ರೋ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560111 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿದ್ದು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ದೃಢೀಕರಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ನನ್ನ ಹೆಸರು **ಶುಭ ಎಂ.ಎಸ್** ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಮದುವೆಯ ನಂತರ ನನ್ನ ಹೆಸರು **ಶುಭ ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್** ಆಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ, ಅಂದರೆ ನಾನು ನನ್ನ ಹೆಸರಿನೊಂದಿಗೆ **ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್** ಎಂಬ ಉಪನಾಮವನ್ನು, ನನ್ನ ಹೆಸರಿನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ ಎಂದು ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ನನ್ನ ಹೆಸರು **ಶುಭ ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್** ದಿನಾಂಕ 27ನೇ ನವೆಂಬರ್ 2023ರಂದು ನೋಟರಿ ಮತ್ತು ವಕೀಲರಾದ **ಎಲ್. ಪುಟ್ಟರಾಜು**ರವರ ಸಮಕ್ಷಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣೀಕರಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Bharti Devi**, W/o Pankaj Kumar, resident of H.No - F001 Sai Bhavana Apartment Ganesh Layout, MS Palya Vidyaranyapura - 560097 have changed my name from **Bharti Devi** to **Bharati Kumari** vide affidavit No. IN-KA49453247184891V, dated 23.11.2023 at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **FAALIHA DHOULATH MOHAMMED JAMALUDEEN,** D/o Mohammed Jamaludeen, R/o No. 202, Krishna Krupa Apartment, Kaggadaspura 6th E Cross, C V Raman nagar Bangalore - 560093, have permanently changed my name from **FAALIHA DHOULATH MOHAMMED JAMALUDEEN** to **FAALIHA DHOULATH,** vide affidavit dated 29/11/2023, sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JOSEPH DAVID JIMREEVES,** S/o. Late A.J. Edward, aged about 44 years, Residing at No. 69, 9th Cross, Vinayakanagar, Annasandrapalya, Vimanapura, Bangalore-560017, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **MARY BETTINA OARIS** to **MARY BETTINA,** vide affidavit dated 02.12.2023, sworn to before P.N. Nagesha, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAMACHANDRA** S/o **Channegowda** R/at Bananakere, Baddikere Post, Nuggehalli Hobli, Channarayapatna Taluk, Hassan-573131 have changed my name to **RAMACHANDRA BANANAKERE CHANNEGOWDA** vide affidavit dated: 1/12/2023 Before Notary **Ratna.N** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RUSHIKA** R/at No.1806, 1st Cross Road, Robertsonpet KGF (Kolar) 563122, have changed my name to **RUSHIKA MANISH** vide affidavit dated: 29/11/2023 Before Notary **Sivakumara.M.N** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ANAND HONGAL S/o. Basavaraj, residing at # 315, SLV Greencity Apartment, 3rd Cross, Tirumenahalli, Thanisandra Main Road, Bengaluru 560084, have changed my name to **ANAND BASAVARAJ HONGAL** vide Affidavit Dated: 02/12/2023 sworn before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, MOHAMMED ASIF ARBANI, R/of No. 10, 9th Cross, Chamundi Nagar Main Road, Dharmanna Garden, Kausar Nagar, RT Nagar, Bengaluru-560032, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from KADER ARBANI **MOHAMED ASIF ABDUL to MOHAMMED ASIF ARBANI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MOHAMMED ASIF ARBANI** only, vide affidavit dated 02-12-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **M. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ALAMELU N, W/o M.G. Raja, aged about 49 years, R/at No. 003, Kalpataru Late View Apartments, Puttenahalli Main Road, Opp. Govt. School, J.P. Nagar, 7th Phase, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560078, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ALAMELU R to ALAMELU N,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **ALAMELU N** only, vide affidavit dated 29-11-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. DAYANANDA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUNAYANA**, D/o Suresh Srinivasan, R/o No. A8-602, Elita Promenade, JP Nagar 7th Phase Bangalore - 560078, have permanently changed my name from **SUNAYANA** to **SUNAYANA SURESH**, vide affidavit dated 29/11/2023 sworn before Notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMMED JAMALUDEEN SHEIKH ALAUDEEN,** S/o Sheikh Alaudeen, R/o No. 202, Krishna Krupa Apartment, Kaggadaspura, 6th E Cross C V Raman nagar, Bangalore- 560093 have permanently changed my name from **MOHAMMED JAMALUDEEN SHEIKH ALAUDEEN** to **MOHAMMED JAMALUDEEN,** vide affidavit dated 29/11/2023, sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, FARIDA, W/o. Taha Kagalwala, aged about 38 years, and Resident of No.75/1, Mufaddal Manzil, Bohra Layout, Gottigere, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560 083, have changed my name to **FARIDA KAGALWALA** Vide Affidavit dated 24.11.2023 sworn before advocate and notary Lakshmaiah, Bangalore

SHIVARAJKUMAR, PRABHU DEVA SET FOR A DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA IN YOGARAJ BHAT'S KARATAKA DAMANAKA

The team will wrap up the film with an energetic track choreographed by Bhushan, adding a vibrant conclusion to the project

A SHARADHAA

We had earlier reported that Shivarajkumar and Prabhu Deva were headlining director Yogaraj Bhat's upcoming film, *Karataka Damanaka*. With the filming reaching the final schedule, the makers are planning to shoot an energetic dance number featuring Shivanna and Prabhu Deva.

Prabhu Deva, hailed as the king of dance, and Shivarajkumar, celebrated for his energetic dance movies, will be joining forces for the dance number set around a Sangeeth ceremony. The choreography for this number is orchestrated by Bhushan Master, featuring approximately 100 dancers and select artists, in huge sets created at Rockline Studio.

Yogaraj Bhat has also penned the lyrics to the song, which is composed by V Harikrishna. The film, produced by Rockline Venkatesh under his home banner, also features him in the role of a cop.

The title of *Karataka Damanaka* draws inspiration from the central characters of the Mitrabheda book of the Panchatantra. The action entertainer also stars Nishvika Naidu and Priya Anand. The film's cinematography is handled by Santhosh Rai Pathaje.

Meanwhile, Rockline Venkatesh's other big-ticket release, *Kaatera*, starring Darshan in the lead, is gearing up for a December 29 release.

Shawar Ali

Shawar Ali to face-off with Rakksh Ram in *Burma*

CE FEATURES

Chethan Kumar, known for directing action-packed entertainers like *Bharjari, Bahaddhur, Bharaate*, and *James*, is currently filming *Burma* with actor Rakksh Ram. The film, which is again an actioner, boasts a star-studded ensemble, particularly an intriguing lineup of antagonists. Prominent among them is Shawar Ali, a versatile actor known for his appearances in various languages, including Kannada, notably seen in Darshan's *Chakravarthy*. He now returns to Kannada cinema with this project and will face off against Rakksh Ram. Alongside Shawar Ali, the film also features Aditya Menon, Deepak Shetty, Anil Kumar, and Petrol Prasanna playing antagonists.

Rakksh, known for his work in television and a few films, turns producer with *Burma*, which is expected to be released in multiple languages. Composer V Harikrishna will be scoring the music for the film, which will have choreography and editing by Mysore and Mahesh Reddy, respectively. Noted stunt director Ravi Varma has been roped in for the high-octane stunts planned for *Burma*.

The film will also feature several antagonists, including Aditya Menon, Deepak Shetty, Anil Kumar, and more

Rakksh Ram

PRASANNA

DEEPAK SHETTY

ANIL KUMAR

ADITYA MENON

Sneharshi unfolds amidst metropolitan life: Kiran Narayan

CE FEATURES

Sneharshi, directed by Kiran Narayan, is all set to hit the screens. Actor-director Kiran, who is dabbling in both responsibilities in the film. says, "Sneharshi has provided me and our team with ample experience. If everything had gone as planned, the film should have been released years ago. But after the movie commenced, various obstacles emerged—COVID lockdowns, deceit from some in the film fraternity, and technical hitches. Due to these and many other reasons, the release got delayed. Nevertheless, we are releasing the movie in theatres this December 14."

Speaking about the storyline, Kiran remarks, "It's a tale that unfolds within our lives. We've attempted to showcase a fresh narrative in this movie. It's a story that everyone experiences daily but rarely discusses. Our film depicts a narrative that unfolds amidst the metropolitan city life, dealing with the prevalent issue of depression. I've amalgamated cinematic elements to craft this film."

Kiran Narayan and his team have brought together a talented cast for this venture, including Sudha Belavadi, Nagathihalli Jayaprakash, Ranganath Sampath, Umesh, Chakravarti, Navin, Devaki, Maruti, Soumya, and others in prominent roles.

The film, made under the Sri Melukote Cheluva Narayana Venture banner and jointly produced by Nagathihalli Jayaprakash and Kiran Narayanan, features a story penned by Nagathihalli Jayaprakash. While Ravi Kishore handles the cinematography, Akash Ayyappan and Srikanth are taking care of the music and editing, respectively.

A still from the film

A still from the film

CHIKKANNA'S *UPADHYAKSHA* TO HIT THEATRES ON REPUBLIC DAY

CE FEATURES

Chikkanna's Upadhyaksha, initially slated for a December release, has now been rescheduled for a grand Republic Day release. This film to hit theatres on January 26, marks a significant milestone for Chikanna, a seasoned comedian with over 250 films, who is turning into a full-fledged hero with Upadhyaksha.

Directed by Anil Kumar, *Upadhyaksha* is backed by Umapathy Films and DN Films. Apart from Chikkanna, the film also stars Malaika Vasupal, Ravi Shankar, Sadhu Kokila, and Veena Sundar.

While Arjun Janya is the music director of Upadhyaksha, Shekar Chandra is the cinematographer.

Anjali Anand joins Zeenat Aman in *Bun Tikki*

CE FEATURES

Actor Anjali Anand, who essayed the role of Gayatri Randhawa in the Karan Johar directorial *Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani*, has now joined the cast of the upcoming film *Bun Tikki*.

Bun Tikki, which also stars veteran actresses Zeenat Aman and Shabana Azmi and actor Abhay Deol, went on floors in November.

The film, produced by fashion designer Manish Malhotra and directed by Faraz Arif Ansari, will also mark the comeback of veteran actor Zeenat Aman. Shabana Azmi will also feature in the film. Bun Tikki will be produced by Jyoti Deshpande, Dinesh Malhotra, and Marijke Desouza under Manish Malhotra's banner, Stage 5 Productions.

Anjali Anand; A still from the film